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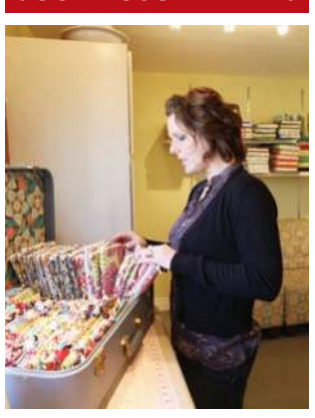

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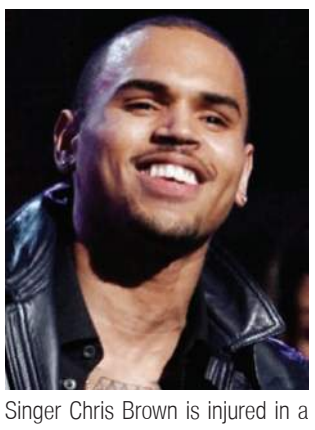

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DPL flip-flops on Managaha access

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» Marine sports operators consider complaint, lawsuit vs DPL

Acting Public Lands secretary Pedro I. Itibus has rescinded his one-month-old decision, resulting again in the prohibition of marine sports operators, such as banana boat and parasail tour operators, from picking up customers on Managaha Island for their tours unless they are Tasi Tours or its subcontractors. Tasi Tours holds an exclusive concession contract to operate on Managaha.

Some of the affected marine sports operators expressed yesterday their disappointment with the Department of Public Lands, and are considering legal action against DPL.

"We are opposed to DPL's decision to reverse its position in May. They are making it harder for businesses like us to survive. We are reviewing the matter and we might file a legal complaint against DPL," said Cora Pangelinan, co-owner

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Woman guilty, bro-in-law not guilty in passport case

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A federal jury reached a split verdict yesterday in the case of a woman and her brother-in-law who are charged with lying in their passport application for the woman's daughter. The 12 jurors found the woman, Aifang Ye, guilty of conspiracy to make a false statement on a passport application. They found her brother-in-law, Zhenyan Cheng, not guilty of the same charge.

The jurors also found Ye guilty of making a false statement in a passport application.

The jurors unanimously agreed that that Ye and Cheng went to the Saipan Passport Office, where they both signed and submitted an application for a passport on behalf of a child, with Cheng posing as the father of the child.

The 12 jurors began their deliberations on Thursday afternoon. They resumed their deliberations yesterday morning.

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CNMI NURSES WEEK

Nurses at the Commonwealth Health Center gather for a group picture with officials after the proclamation ceremony endorsing June 17 to 23 as CNMI Nurses Week. Other photo shows acting governor Eloy S. Inos signing the proclamation while CHC nursing director Leticia Reyes looks on. The ceremony was held Thursday at the public hospital.
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Australia creates largest area of marine reserves

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CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia has created the world's largest network of marine reserves and will restrict fishing as well as oil and gas exploration in a major step to safeguard the environment and access to food.

With the expansion announced Thursday, Australia will protect 3.1 million square kilometers (1.2 million square miles) of ocean. The reserves will encompass a third of the island continent's territorial waters, which sustain more than 4,000 species of fish.

Australia is surrounded by the world's third-largest ocean territory, which provides important habitat to threatened species of whales, sharks and turtles as well as spectacular corals.

Previously only 800,000 square kilometers (310,000 square miles) of Australian waters were protected. According to the Protect Planet Ocean website, only 2.85 million square kilometers (1.1 million square miles) of oceans worldwide were within marine protection areas before.

Environmental group WWF welcomed the 2.3 million-square-kilometer expansion as a "major advance in marine conservation" that hopefully will inspire other countries at the

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Hezel: Collaboration key to filling gaps in Marianas history

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While "enormous" work has already been done in the study of the history of the Marianas, there are blanks that need to be filled in to find answers and address gaps in historical records—a critical task that could only be accomplished if there is sharing of available materials and resources, said Fr. Francis X. Hezel.

Hezel called on scholars Thursday to "stop thinking individually" and start collaborating more closely to achieve the ambitious goal of offering people a deeper understanding of their past during day one of the 1st Marianas History Conference at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan.

Close to 200 history and humanities enthusiasts from the CNMI, Guam, and other parts of the world converged at the conference—the first of its kind—sponsored by the Guam Preservation Trust, Guampedia.com, Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Northern Marianas College, and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

The theme for the three-day conference is "One Archipelago, Many Stories."

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Fr. Francis X. Hezel delivers the keynote address at the 1st Marianas History Conference at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan on Thursday.

Hezel, in his keynote address, said that filling in the blanks is only the beginning of the process of constructing a "richer and deeper picture" in the study of history, which he said is akin to the quilt making process—having some work on making "splendid, single patches" while others take these patches and stitch them together into a quilt.

"The result is what you call history," said the Jesuit priest. "It has a functional purpose. It comforts us and it's beautiful."

Hezel noted, however, that the process is not a one-person job as history is a composite of many different perspectives.

He emphasized that history is a public project. "It belongs to all of us," said Hezel. "History is supposed to give people a deeper understanding of themselves—nothing else. And in finding our roots, we discover ourselves."

According to him, the process of the study of history ends up with a great work or product such as textbooks and other forms put together in an "attractive and appealing" manner to help people understand and enjoy history such as presentations, films, and diorama.

Thursday's participants were welcomed by representatives of the various conference sponsors. David J. Attao, NMC dean of Administration, said the conference brought together various scholars from around the world, in hopes of a "unified" study of the Marianas history, as reflected by the conference theme.

"I am very confident that all of you will have something meaningful to gain in the next few days and your curiosity and thirst for knowledge will be heightened," he added.

Guampedia managing director Rita Nauta said they support the preservation of the Marianas Islands' rich stories by providing access to these stories through the worldwide Web and leading young students onto the path to seek out their cultural identity.

Nauta added that Guampedia looks forward to the unification efforts of the Marianas Islands through its shared histories and the publication of the conference's proceedings to allow people from different parts of the world access to the information shared at the event.

Dr. Robert Underwood served as the second keynote speaker. In his presentation titled "Leapfrogging through History: Hayi Mañaina-mu?" the University of Guam president discussed how history is "literally present" in a person's day-to-day life—from chants and dialogues to songs and dances—which are created and passed along as traditions.

The second and last days of the conference feature posters and presentations ranging in different topics from several history scholars. Local works of art are also being sold at the venue.

Big sale at Calvary Christian Academy

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The soon-to-close Calvary Christian Academy will be having a big sale beginning Monday, during which pretty much all school stuff will be up for grabs.

CCA principal Scott Norman told *Saipan Tribune* that all sales proceeds would be used to ensure the smooth closure of the institution.

From staplers to books to school furniture, almost everything will be up for sale at "fair market value" from June 18 to July 3, from 7am to 3pm daily. This schedule may be extended, according to Norman.

The school expects an influx of buyers on Monday. In a visit to the campus yesterday, items to be sold were being prepared inside each classroom.

Without citing the monetary value of all items on sale, Norman said that any amount will help CCA, both in short- and in the long-term. He cited as an example the expected utility billings in the months ahead as one of the areas that can be addressed by the money that will be raised.

Among the items on sale are cabinets, shelves, whiteboards, student chairs and desks, school lockers, water dispensers, overhead projectors, books and instructional materials, television sets, and some computers. He disclosed that some of the wooden cabinets for sale are practically brand new and will be offered at fair value.

Norman also promised potential buyers "pretty good deals" on books.

Things up for grabs may be used in homes, offices, and schools. Norman encouraged the public to visit the school campus during the sale period. If it happens that not all items are on display by Monday, Norman assured that more items will be showcased in the following days.

CCA will be closing down beginning this new school year, mainly because of the declining economy that has affected its enrollment numbers. However, the school's administrative offices will remain open indefinitely until all its students have transitioned to new schools.

Calvary Christian Academy has been around for nearly 30 years and is one of the more reputable schools on the islands.

Norman said that many students are now in the process of transferring to other schools. CCA, he said, is helping them to ensure a smooth transition.

$10 million yearly support for hospital not guaranteed

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is requesting a yearly funding support of $10 million from the government starting next fiscal year until it becomes self-sufficient but the Legislature appears noncommittal due to the government's scarce resources and lack of revenue stream.

According to House Ways and Means chair Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), he sees the corporation's need for more funds but the Legislature can only do so much.

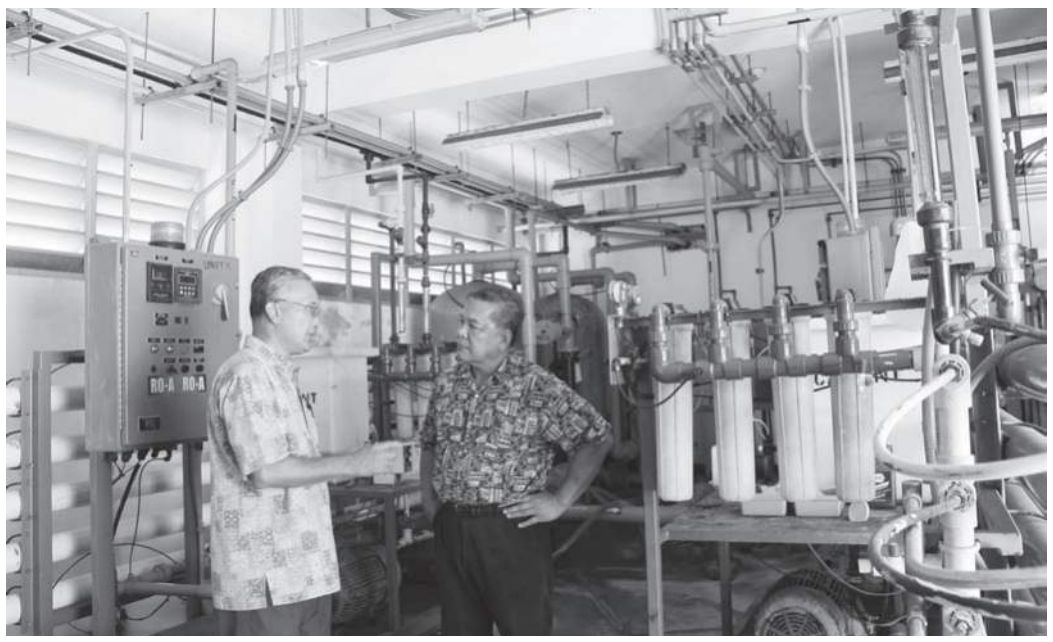
"It's no question, they need funding…but because we all know that collection is not improving, we can only give so much. Now that the House is deliberating on the new budget, we're still looking at solutions to help our hospital," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Basa met with corporation chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta on Wednesday for a tour of the Commonwealth Health Center.

This lack of budget to pay the corporation's obligations to both personnel and vendors is the root of the ongoing crisis at CHC. The former Department of Public Health used to have a budget allocation of $36 million a year. In comparison, the corporation was only appropriated $5 million as seed capital since it took over the department's functions this fiscal year.

According to Basa, the only way the Legislature can provide the corporation's much-needed funding is with the passage of legislation, for example, that will bring new revenue to the government such as raising taxes.

"It's really difficult to commit an amount because resources have not gone up. But if the initiative that will raise BGRT by about 1 percent or 1.5 percent passes, it may happen. I am going to begin the communication with the business sector because I know that that's the only sector in the economy that can bring this help," he added.



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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta, left, briefs Rep. Ramon Basa on the current condition of medical equipment and machines housed at the hospital's engineering unit during a tour of the Commonwealth Health Center Wednesday. The corporation is seeking $10 million annual subsidy from the government starting next fiscal year to sustain the operational needs of the hospital. Basa was noncommittal, citing the depleting collection and resources of the government.

Basa admitted that Wednesday was his first time to visit the hospital's maintenance and engineering sections. The lawmaker described the tour as an eye-opener after seeing the dilapidated condition of several equipment.

Babauta showed Basa CHC's old boiler, the reverse osmosis system, the water system, the medical oxygen air, generators, automatic transfer switches, among others.

Babauta, for his part, told *Saipan Tribune* that he's glad that the lawmaker took the time to visit the facility and see its situation first-hand.

"I think he came away with much better appreciation of what it takes to run the hospital other than the actual patient care. I would like to extend the invitation to the Legislature to come down so they can have a better understanding of the hospital's situation," added Babauta.

Man gets 2 years for 'ice' possession

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has accepted a proposed plea deal offered to an "ice" trafficker that he earlier rejected, imposing a two-year prison sentence on the defendant.

Yong Jie Chen, a Chinese male, pleaded guilty on Thursday afternoon to the charge of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Camacho accepted Chen's guilty plea and the plea agreement as there is no suspended sentence; fines are paid immediately; defendant has no prior criminal conviction or arrest; and that he will be immediately deported after being released from prison.

Attorney Robert T. Torres is the court-appointed counsel for Chen. Assistant attorney general Darren Robinson prosecuted the case.

Before entering a plea agreement with Chen, the Office of the Attorney General dismissed the charges of trafficking of a controlled substance and conspiracy to trafficking of controlled substance.

Camacho sentenced Chen to two years in prison, to be served without the possibility of parole, early release, work or weekend release, or other similar programs.

The defendant was given credit for time served in jail since Jan. 12, 2012.

Camacho ordered Chen to pay a $2,000 fine, payable immediately with monies seized by the government on the day of his arrest on Jan. 12, 2012. Chen was also required to pay a $100 court fee.

After completing his sentence, Chen is required to immediately present himself to the Department of Homeland Security-Immigration and Customs Enforcement for immediate deportation.

Chen's girlfriend and co-defendant, Wei Lu, also entered a guilty plea to the same offense on Thursday and received the same sentence and other conditions.

Last May 23, Camacho rejected a proposed plea agreement that Chen and Lu entered with the government. The original proposed plea agreement recommended a 15-month prison term for Chen and a one-year sentence for Lu. The judge found the deal to be too lenient.

The "ice" involved in the case was worth $200, according to court documents.

Faris issues memo about dismissing Fund case

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U.S. District Court for the NMI's Bankruptcy Division designated judge Robert J. Faris issued Thursday a memorandum of his decision to dismiss the NMI Retirement Fund's Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition.

Faris' memorandum simply reiterated the discussions in his tentative ruling dismissing the Fund's bankruptcy case.

Faris ruled that the Fund is a "governmental unit" and not eligible for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The judge pointed out, however, that some administrative issues must be resolved in conjunction with the dismissal of the case.

» Dismissal order will be entered after all expenses are paid

Faris gave all professionals retained by the Fund and any other party wishing to assert an administrative expense to file an application or motion no later than June 29, 2012.

Faris directed the Fund to give notice of all such applications and motions.

"The notice shall provide that, if an objection to any such application or motion is filed by a date certain (which shall be not sooner than 14 days after notice is given), the court will consider the contested application or motion at a hearing on July 27, 2012, at 9:30am, and that, if no timely objection is filed to any of the applications or motions, the court will consider the uncontested applications and motions without a hearing," the judge said.

Faris said the order dismissing the case will be entered after orders on the applications and motions are entered and all approved compensation, reimbursement, and administrative expenses are paid.

Faris said when he enters the order dismissing the case, he will also enter orders dismissing without prejudice all adversary proceedings and remanding all removed proceedings.

CNMI JUDICIARY

SURVIVAL TRAINING

Anthony A. Atalig and Jose P. Mafnas, Office of Adult Probation and Marshal Service Unit employees of the CNMI Judiciary on Saipan and Rota, recently completed the five-day Basic Officer Survival Training Course. The training prepares candidates in self-defense, the use of pepper-spray, expandable baton, tactical handcuffing and other techniques of belligerent control. From left, P.O.I Anthonio Kaipat, Explosive Response Team; Probation Officer Jose P. Mafnas, CNMI Superior Court; Superior Court Judge Joseph N. Camacho, acting chief justice Alexandro C. Castro, CNMI Supreme Court; Deputy Marshal Anthony A. Atalig, Rota Superior Court; Capt. Pete Leon Guerrero, O.I.C Professional Training and Academy DPS; Chief Marshal Anthony P. Benavente, CNMI Judiciary.

NMC names new Distance Learning Education director

The Northern Marianas College recently named Amanda Allen as the new director of the Office of Distance Learning Education, an office under Academic Programs and Services.

"My primary objective as director is to oversee online, hybrid and web-enhanced course development and instruction," said Allen. "At the same time, I also provide training to faculty members on how to utilize these distance learning technologies and resources available to support teaching and student learning."

Allen will also be working with NMC faculty members and partners in distance learning to build, develop, and deliver online learning that will employ various distance learning delivery strategies.

"Our goal is to develop up to half of all courses online, while not comprising 50 percent or more of a program, degree, or certificate," said Allen. "We are also currently working on offering fully online degree and certificate programs."

Allen

Prior to becoming director, Allen worked as the NMC Distance Learning Education program coordinator under the Office of Information Technology beginning in May 2010. Allen configured, managed, and trained online faculty in the college's course management system MOODLE and also assisted with their distance learning network project.

Allen has a bachelor's degree with concentrations Social Studies and U.S. History from Oakland City University in Indiana, where she also earned her master's degree in Science Management. In addition, she has received training in MOODLE and other Learning Management Systems, engaged in Web 2.0 trainings, and Learning Technology webinars and conferences.

"We are pleased to welcome Amanda as director of Distance Learning Education," said NMC president Sharon Y. Hart. "We would also like to thank her for all her hard work and contributions at the college's IT department."

"Her expertise in computer science and experience in education will be prove valuable to advancing the way the college utilizes technology to enhance the delivery of instruction," added Hart. ***(NMC)***

CHC nurses urged to 'hang in there'

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The newly installed president of the CNMI Nurses Association is asking her peers to always keep their competence and professionalism as they go about doing their daily work at the public hospital.

"In times of challenges like this, I ask my fellow nurses to keep their competence and professionalism. They're doing an important job every day…and I ask that they hang in there," Rowena Alturas said in her message yesterday to the hundreds of nurses on island.

» June 17-23 proclaimed CNMI Nurses Week'

Alturas said that nurses oftentimes are neglected and overlooked yet they continue to serve with passion and with strong commitment to patient safety.

Acting governor Eloy Inos proclaimed the week of June 17 through 23 as CNMI Nurses Week in recognition of their contribution to the healthcare industry and to the Commonwealth community in general.

In a ceremony held Thursday at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. office, Inos was joined by chief executive officer Juan N. Babauta and nursing director Leticia Reyes in honoring the islands' nurses for their sacrifices and for providing quality service to people.

Alturas said the weeklong celebration will be packed with many activities. They will kick off the occasion with a Eucharistic Mass on Sunday at the San Vicente Church followed by their daily continuing education slated for June 18 through 22, from 9:30am to 11:30am each day at the hospital. A special lunch gathering is also scheduled at the end of the continuing education trainings.

The weeklong celebration will be capped by the traditional "Nurses Ball" to be held at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. Awards and certificates of appreciation will be handed to honorees. There will also be a raffle and door prizes.

The number of nurses at the Commonwealth Health Center continues to decline due to relocation and resignations.

From 235 nurses two years ago, the public hospital is now down to only 155 and the number may continue to go down by the end of the year. Their exodus is mainly due to uncertainties in their payroll, housing benefits, and the operation of the hospital itself.

Two lawyers withdraw as counsels for Backman

Two lawyers have withdrawn as counsels for Chang Ru Meng Backman, who is facing sex trafficking charges in federal court.

Attorneys William M. Fitzgerald and Bruce Berline appeared as retained counsels for Backman during a scheduled arraignment on Thursday afternoon.

At the hearing, Fitzgerald informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that they were not prepared to proceed with the arraignment.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the detention hearing and arraignment for Tuesday, June 19, at 3pm.

Backman, 39, was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

On Thursday, Fitzgerald and Berline asked the court to allow them to withdraw from representaing Backman.

Fitzgerald said he had previously discussed the terms under which he and Berline would represent her and she indicated that she was willing and able to comply. In later discussions, Backman allegedly told them that she is unable to comply with the terms.

Saipan Tribune learned that Backman appeared in court yesterday afternoon with a new counsel, Robert O'Connor.

The indictment charged Backman with three counts of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion and three counts of alien smuggling-harboring.

According to the indictment, Backman operated the Holiday Night Club, a karaoke bar on the second floor of a building in Chalan Kanoa. The club also allegedly provided sexual services for an added fee.

Backman allegedly received money from club customers for sexual services performed by women at her direction. Sex acts performed by these women generally took place in rooms where the women lived in a barracks adjacent to the Holiday Night Club. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Admin says it did not overspend food stamp money but seeks further USDA clarification

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The Fitial administration's initial finding is that it did not overspend food stamp money that caused the program to cut its benefits by 13.6 percent in May, but it is seeking further clarification from the U.S. Department of Agriculture regarding its letter to Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) that says the CNMI was issuing monthly benefits averaging at $273 when the agreement was only $242.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said based on that clarification from USDA, the CNMI will acknowledge if it in fact overspent but as of this time, it believes it did not overspend.

Press secretary Angel Demapan separately said that Inos met with CNMI Nutrition Assistance program administrator Eleanor Cruz and two staffers.

Demapan said Inos directed NAP to contact the project officer assigned to the CNMI at USDA's Food and Nutrition Service to address this matter and to clarify what the FNS administrator is referencing in her letter to Sablan.

"Once such clarification is ironed out with the project officer, the CNMI will be able to determine what steps, if any, should be implemented moving forward," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune.*

FNS Administrator Audrey Rowe pointed to the CNMI's own overspending that led to the 13.6 percent food stamp benefit cuts beginning May 1, and this was contained in her May 25 letter to Sablan.

The USDA-funded food stamp program is administered locally by NAP, which is under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Rowe said the CNMI NAP budget was approved with an average benefit level of $242 per household for fiscal year 2012, an increase of some $42. But she said the CNMI instead gave an average of $273 per household—some $31 more per household than agreed upon.

AUSTRALIA

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United Nations' Rio+20 conference on sustainable development, which is under way in Rio de Janeiro.

Environment Minister Tony Burke said the government expects to pay an estimated 100 million Australian dollars ($100 million) to the fishing industry in compensation for new restrictions on their operations that will take effect late this year, with only a minor impact on most types of fishing.

While the public will be invited to lodge complaints before the new marine sanctuaries are enshrined in law, the center-left government faces no hurdles in imposing the new restrictions under existing environmental laws.

But the conservative opposition has vowed to review the boundaries if it wins government at elections next year—an outcome that opinion polls agree is likely.

"I am instinctively against anything that damages the rights of recreational fishing ... and anything that will further damage the commercial fishing industry and tourism industry," opposition leader Tony Abbott said.

The number of marine reserves off the Australian coast will rise from 27 to 60.

Highly protected areas such as the Coral Sea off Australia's northeastern coast and the adjoining World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef also will be protected from oil and gas exploration. Both areas, which cover a total 1.3 million square kilometers (500,000 square miles), have shallow reefs that support tropical ecosystems with sharks, coral, sponges and many fish species.

Burke said he wanted the reserves to set a benchmark for the world in environmental protection and food security—the access to and consistent availability of food. The plan aims to guarantee future fish stocks by preventing overfishing.

"We have an incredible opportunity to turn the tide on protection of the oceans and Australia can lead the world in marine protection," he said.

Don Henry, chief executive of the environmental group Australian Conservation Foundation, said the plan will make Australia a global leader in ocean protection.

But he warned that the remote northwest region where an offshore oil and gas industry is already established had been left vulnerable to the threats of further energy exploration.

Rachel Siewert, a senator for the environmentally focused Greens party, which supports the Labor Party minority government, described the plan as a "cave-in to the oil and gas industry."

She said allowing exploratory drilling beside some of the most highly protected zones off northwest Australia leaves critical habitats for threatened species, including humpback whales, whale sharks, flatback turtles and dolphins, vulnerable to contamination from oil spills.

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courtroom deputy Tina P. Matsunaga read the verdict at about 1:15pm.

Ye will be sentenced on Sept. 21, 2012, at 9am.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona allowed Ye to remain free until her sentencing.

Attorney David Banes is counsel for Ye. Attorney Bruce Berline defended Cheng. Assistant attorneys general Garth R. Backe and Ross Naughton prosecuted the case.

The trial of Ye and Cheng, both Chinese nationals, began Monday.

According to the U.S. government, Ye came to Saipan on Sept. 12, 2011, to give birth. Her Chinese husband came with her, but left shortly thereafter on Sept. 16, 2011.

Under the terms of her parole, Ye had permission to remain in the CNMI until Oct. 12, 2011.

After giving birth to her daughter on Feb. 28, 2012, Ye applied for a U.S. passport for the child.

Under federal law, a minor under 16 cannot execute a passport applications on his or her own behalf. Both the minor's parents or legal guardians must execute the application on behalf of their child and must appear personally in the passport office to execute the application.

There are exceptions to this "two-party appearance rule," among them the option of obtaining a "notarized statement or affidavit from the non-applying parent or legal guardian, consenting to the issuance of the passport."

The child is Ye's second child. Having two children is against Chinese law.

The prosecution alleged that fearing trouble under Chinese law if she obtained from her husband a notarized statement or affidavit pertaining to her daughter, she decided to go with the poseur option—Cheng posing as the father of his brother's child.

Cheng's brother, Xigao, has not returned to the Commonwealth, according to Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agent Ryan K. Faulkner in an affidavit filed in court.

DPL

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of Island Marine Sports, told *Saipan Tribune.*

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) separately questioned yesterday DPL's authority to restrict "commerce" and decision to disallow marine sports operators from picking up customers on Managaha when the transactions were made prior to these tourists going to the island.

Itibus, in an "open letter" to the public sent to the media on Thursday, said that when DPL issued its December 2011 letter, it was not adopting a new rule but was only explaining the rights granted under DPL's contract with Tasi Tours.

He said in his Thursday letter that there is no support in the language of the contract for making a distinction between tours sold on Managaha and those sold prior to the customer reaching Managaha.

Itibus said the clear language of the concession agreement shows that exclusivity is based upon the location of the activity (the tour)—not the location of the sale of the tour.

"In conclusion, the contract shows Public Lands must restrict the conduct of tours from Mañagaha Island, including parasailing and banana boat tours, to the company, which holds the contract rights to the exclusive concession and its subcontractors," Itibus said.

The acting DPL secretary said "other marine sports operators may not pick up customers from Mañagaha Island and then take them on water sports tours."

"Any statement or suggestion by Public Lands to the contrary is hereby rescinded. It makes no difference whether these tours were pre-sold or not. It makes no difference whether the tour is one-way from Mañagaha Island or a round-trip. Any tour from Mañagaha Island must be conducted by or sanctioned by the exclusive concessionaire," he said.

As this is a matter of contract rights, Itibus said no further public comment is needed or sought. "Public Lands will resume enforcing these excusive rights immediately," he added.

Pangelinan of Island Marine Sports said their legal counsel is now reviewing DPL's "public notice" that rescinded its May decision on the matter. The May decision reversed DPL's December 2011 letter.

In December, DPL said that marine sports operators are not supposed to pick up tourists on Managaha unless they are Tasi Tours or its subcontractors. In May, DPL reversed that position. This week, DPL went back to its December 2011 position.

Gary Orpiano, owner of Amigo Aquatic Sports, said yesterday that DPL's latest decision will result in another big business loss to marine sports operators.

"At a time when we are trying to revive the Managaha-to-Managaha market, they reversed their position and that is restricting us from reviving that market. Especially with additional flights we are anticipating to arrive on Saipan, we would like to continue to have a business. Now we have to adjust our operations again," Orpiano said.

Manny Alvarez of Seahorse Inc. said he reserves comment about the issue.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said it is "disturbing" to learn that DPL changed its mind one month after making a decision on the matter. In his view, DPL is making it hard for legitimate marine sports operators to engage in business.

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), for his part, said his concern is more about DPL's authority to restrict operators from conducting business on federal waters at a time when the CNMI still does not have control over 3 miles out.

"We are in a very precarious situation. The U.S. Constitution specifically grants the federal government power to regulate commerce among the several states, and the CNMI is considered a state, when it comes to commerce," Yumul said.

He said DPL cannot restrict water sports operations not held on public lands, and when the package is not even sold on Managaha.

"How do you prohibit commerce on federal waters? My main concern is if water sports operators takes DPL to federal court, it will require money to defend it and we don't have that kind of resources," he said.

Yumul suggested that all parties involved—DPL, Tasi Tours and its subcontractors, and other marine sports operators—should come to an agreement to avoid costly litigation.

"Tourism is our last main industry. The last thing you want tourists to see is a big fight between the government and marine sports operators," he added.

Since 2001, Tasi Tours and Transportation Inc. has held exclusive concession rights on Managaha, a world renowned snorkeling site visited by over 60 percent of all tourists who come to the CNMI each year.

Docomo presents $5,000 donation to NMC Foundation

In support of the advancement of higher education in the CNMI, Docomo Pacific recently presented a $5,000 donation, composed of a combination of cash and raffles prizes, to the Northern Marianas College Foundation.

The donations were made in support of the upcoming 10th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament on Saturday, June 30, 2012.

"Docomo Pacific is excited to be taking part of the NMC Foundation's efforts to enhance higher education opportunities for students in the CNMI," said Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson.

"We are very grateful to Docomo Pacific and its continued support over the years," said NMC Foundation president Ivan Quichocho. "The donation contributes significantly to the success of the golf tournament."

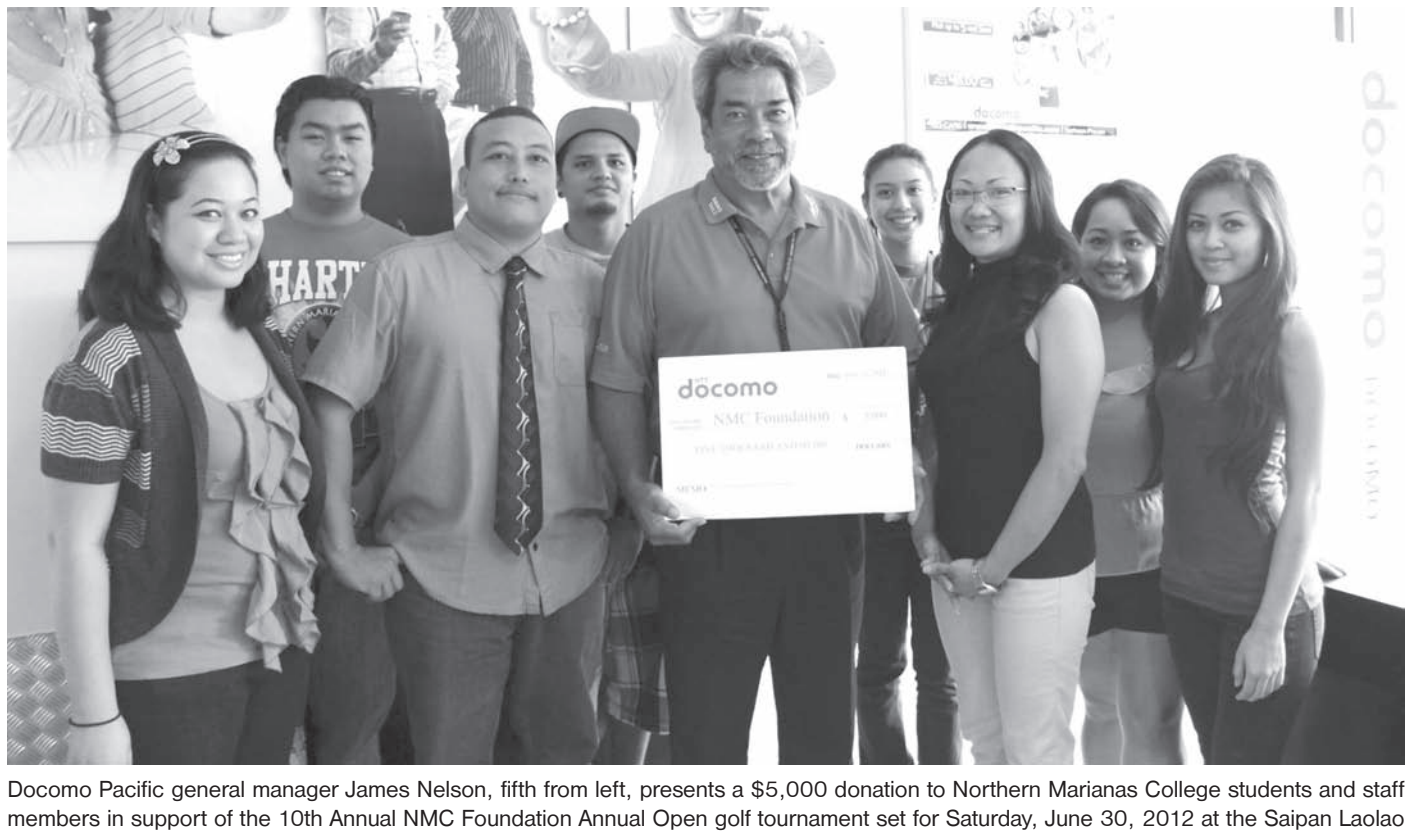
The NMC Foundation is composed of volunteers in the community committed to improving and enhancing higher education opportunities for people in the CNMI. The annual tournament is the Foundation's signature event.

The 10th Annual NMC Foundation Open golf tournament will be held at the Saipan LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort (West Course) with a shotgun start at 7am and will follow a medal play format. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies. The entrance fee is $95 per player.

Registration forms for the golf tournament can be downloaded from www.nmcnet.edu, or picked up at the at Marianas Country Club, Saipan Country Club, Dandan Golf Range, Kingfisher Golf Links, Coral Ocean Point, and All Star Sporting Goods. Payments for the registration fee can be made at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Triple J Motors, and the NMC Cashier.

In addition, tournament prizes for first place for each of the six flights include cash and roundtrip tickets to various destinations in the Pacific on United Airlines. Hole-in-one prizes include a 2012 Hyundai Accent donated by Triple J Motors.

For more information on how to donate to the NMC Foundation or to register to play, log on to www.nmcnet.edu or call 234-5498 Ext. 1050. ***(NMC)***



Docomo Pacific general manager James Nelson, fifth from left, presents a $5,000 donation to Northern Marianas College students and staff members in support of the 10th Annual NMC Foundation Annual Open golf tournament set for Saturday, June 30, 2012 at the Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.
NMC

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MHS Class of 1992 sets reunion

The Marianas High School Class of 1992 will be celebrating its 20th reunion with a "Save the Best for Last" Reunion Ball on Saturday, June 30, 2012 at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret. All classmates and former classmates of the Class of 1992 are invited to what promises to be a great evening with great friends. Tickets are only $20 each and includes dinner and beverages (including wine, liquor, and beer). Purchase your ticket by contacting Daisy at 287-3249 or Cherlyn at 237-3201. You can also email Jessica at butterspirit@yahoo.com, Cherlyn at saipansmile@gmail.com or Daisy at daisy_mendiola@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

CCA board meeting on June 19

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 8:30am in the CCA conference room in Gualo Rai. The agenda includes reports from the president, steering committees, program manager, 2012 CNCSWD, and program/project updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. ***(PR)***

SHOUTOUTS

Happy Father's Day to Byron Lester Frederick Cruz! You are the greatest dad anyone could ever have. Hope you have a wonderful day. Lots of love your son, Kayven Cruz.
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Happy Father's Day to Raymond DLG King! Hope you have a wonderful day. With lots of love from your kids.
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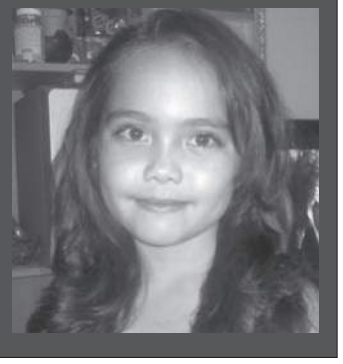

Happy 8th birdday to Trisha McCarthy, who will be celebrating her special day on June 17! With lots of love from Daddy and Mommy.
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Coke promo rounds up big winners

Dolores Arceo and Sonia Jean B. Isip show their limited edition Coca-Cola novelties.
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Coca-Cola's spring-summer promotion, "Spin it to win it" rounded up a dozen winners of exciting prizes during the first redemption event held at Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe in May.

Coca-Cola lovers all over Saipan brought at least 25 Coca-Cola bottled product labels for a chance to spin for prizes on the roulette and submitted 10 labels to win instant giveaways.

Daniel Wasserman exchanged 75 labels and earned three spins and as many prizes on the wheel, including the grand prize, an Xbox Kinect, gas certificates, and a certificate from Foremost Scoops.

Lucky on the wheel, Roger Valencia brought home a $100 Joeten shopping certificate, while Joseph Mario Socorro's spin landed him a $100 water park and brunch certificate.

Vicki Shoo and Marichu Calitahan tried their luck on the wheel and each gained $50 gas certificates. Marilou P. Paet and Minda Cullen spun the roulette and both garnered $30 worth of movie packages. David Sablan received a Scoops gift certificate.

Five winners redeemed 10 Coca-Cola labels for their choice of instant prizes. Minda Cullen opted for a Coca-Cola cooler bag with a six-pack Coca-Cola product. Danilo Gaza, Dolores Arceo, and Sonia Jean B. Isip chose to receive a Coca-Cola gift bag loaded with limited edition Coca-Cola novelties. Camille Samonte picked a brunch certificate for one to Pacific Island Club's Magellan Restaurant.

Dozens of prizes awaited lucky winners at the scheduled redemption event yesterday at the Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe.

Coca-Cola is the world's largest beverage company. ***(PR)***

Daniel Wasserman, brings 75 Coca-Cola labels and ends up the biggest winner at the first redemption event of Coca-Cola's "Spin it to win it" promo. He took home an Xbox Kinect, gas certificates, and a Foremost Scoops gift certificate.
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Lucky on the wheel, Roger Valencia lands a $100 Joeten Shopping Certificate during the first redemption event for Coca-Cola's "Spin it to win it" promo.
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Marichu Calitahan's spin wins her $50 gas certificates.
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EDITORIAL

Europe smolders while major powers dither

Once again, Europe's firefighters arrived on the scene and doused a hot spot. This time it was in Spain, which on Saturday agreed to accept a bailout of up to $125 billion for its banks.

But as so often has been the case, by Monday the flames had reignited. Investors in credit markets fled from both Spanish and Italian government debt, and stock markets across the continent fell in a broad-based rejection of the bailout by the markets, which called into question the stability of Europe's monetary union.

The bailout of Spanish banks made Spain the fourth and largest European country to accept emergency assistance as the debt crisis continues to roil the continent. It came as worries grow in the run-up to Greek elections this weekend and as joblessness in Europe remains a huge concern. About a quarter of Spanish workers are unemployed.

Bailouts are always problematic, but the Europeans did the right thing here. The problem is that collectively they haven't done enough to contain a blaze that threatens to consume the euro. There are signs that the Spanish government may need to be bailed out as well. Spain is carrying debt of more than 80 percent of its national output.

With unemployment soaring and inflation under control, the European Central Bank should be cutting interest rates. And the rest of Europe, led by the Germans, should be moving more rapidly toward monetary and fiscal union. Otherwise, the European Union risks a messy breakup that could trigger a global recession—one that would surely harm companies in Wisconsin.

And while the Spanish bailout deal seems large enough for now to dampen the flames, it came only after weeks of dithering and a plea for action Friday by President Barack Obama, whose re-election may hinge on actions in Europe. More troubles are just ahead: Parliamentary elections in Greece this weekend could lead to that country's withdrawal from the eurozone.

The Europeans should find a way to more closely integrate their economies. Europe now stands much like the United States did before the Constitution was written—a loose confederation of states unbound by the ties needed to solve big problems when they occur. The German chancellor, Angela Merkel, has indicated a new openness to closer integration in a recent interview with German television. "We do not only need a monetary union, but we also need a so-called fiscal union. This means that we also need a common budgetary policy, and we also need a political union," she said.

As The New York Times noted in an article on Monday, if Merkel had uttered the same words a year ago, it might have "provoked an outcry." But now it appears that the Germans realize that despite their obvious and understandable distaste for propping up their weaker neighbors, the health of their economy may depend on it.

The health of the global economy also may depend on the decisions that will be made in Europe over the next few weeks. The EU should move faster toward fuller unity, and its central bank should move to lower interest rates to help deal with the destabilizing effects of high unemployment. Some form of deposit insurance also could help. But above all: More water—and soon.

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A political season of fathers and sons

By CARL LEUBSDORF
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Like father, like son? Not exactly.

This August, Mitt Romney will become the third son of a prominent politician in recent years to become his party's presidential nominee, following Albert Gore Jr. and George W. Bush. Each was very unlike his father—two more cautious, one more reckless, all more conservative. Each lacked qualities that distinguished the fathers but may have limited their careers.

And each son won the prize that eluded two of the three fathers. One won the presidency, one narrowly lost, and the third has an even chance of unseating the incumbent president.

By contrast, the senior Albert Gore never came closer than a third-place finish in an open convention's spontaneous vice-presidential race. George Romney's presidential bid crashed in self-inflicted flames. The elder Bush was unseated after one term.

The senior Al Gore was a colorful, lively man, reflecting his upbringing in the Tennessee hamlet of Possum Hollow. Ambitious and aggressive, he unseated a veteran senator in 1952, but his style didn't always play well in the staid Senate corridors.

He took positions that undermined him politically, an outspoken Vietnam war opponent in a hawkish state and one of three Southern senators (with Lyndon Johnson and fellow Tennessean Estes Kefauver) refusing to sign a 1956 manifesto denouncing the Supreme Court after it desegregated public schools.

He voted against the 1964 Civil Rights Act but for the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

In 1970, his conservative Tennessee electorate unseated him.

Gore's staid, serious son had a far different upbringing, attending Washington's fashionable St. Albans school and Harvard. His style was more cautious, and his issues less controversial, like technology and the environment.

In 2000, that caution prompted him to limit campaigning by a still popular President Bill Clinton, helping to lose an election most Democrats thought he should have won.

The two President George Bushes shared the good manners, wide circle of friends and devotion to family that reflected their upbringing. But their politics were very different.

The elder Bush initially lined up with the GOP's moderate wing on social issues like the Equal Rights Amendment and abortion rights. In the 1980 campaign, he called the tax cuts that became prime Republican dogma "voodoo economics."

But he also reflected the Texas GOP, opposing the 1964 Civil Rights Act and taking increasingly conservative positions after becoming Ronald Reagan's 1980 running mate. As president, he angered conservatives by accepting a controversial deficit control package including revenue increases that helped revive the economy.

His son identified with the GOP's dominant conservative wing from the outset. He cut taxes and opposed increases as the deficit soared, squandering an inherited surplus.

Iraq exemplifies their foreign policy differences. The father painstakingly built an international coalition that expelled Saddam Hussein from Kuwait, but resisted overthrowing him, lest that fracture the coalition and leave the United States with a mess in Iraq.

His son, acting with misleading data and less international backing, drove Hussein from power but his success created the circumstance his father feared. A recent CNN poll showed the father's favorable rating at 59, the son's 43.

On the surface, the Romneys bear substantial similarities, strong family men and devoted Mormons who entered politics after business successes.

Benjamin Wallace-Wells' excellent recent article in New York magazine portrays the father as moralistic, values driven and, like the elder Gore, more outspoken and aggressive than his party preferred.

A strong civil rights supporter, he increased Michigan's taxing power and challenged the GOP's increasing conservatism. But he cratered politically by declaring that, on a trip to Vietnam, he underwent "the greatest brainwashing that anybody can get."

His son Mitt made an ideological transformation like the elder Bush, from social moderate as a 1994 Senate candidate to outspoken conservative in 2008 and 2012 White House bids. He rejected the openness exemplified by his father's advocacy of disclosing private finances, and, like the younger Gore,became extremely cautious in pursuing his father's unfulfilled desire for the presidency.

Interestingly, one of George Romney's closest advisers, Walter de Vries, plans to publish soon a long-planned comparison of the two. Initially titled "The Governors George and Mitt Romney: Like Father, Like Son," his research prompted him to revise the title to: "The Political Mitt Romney: Not his Father's Son."

Like Al and W.

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US must tap 'best and brightest' to thrive in today's global economy

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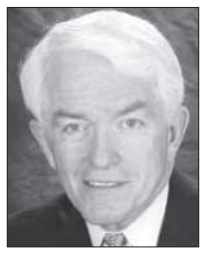

The United States is a nation of immigrants bound together by the American ideals of individual freedom and responsibility and driven by the limitless opportunities of free enterprise.

These powerful draws of freedom and opportunity have brought the world's best and brightest to our shores for generations.

Today, as we face a sluggish economic recovery and persistently high unemployment, immigrants can strengthen our efforts to grow the economy, create jobs and keep America competitive. But to truly leverage the talent, energy, ideas and hard work of immigrants, we must adopt rational reforms to our immigration system. What's at stake if we don't? Innovation, growth and jobs.

According to the Partnership for a New American Economy, immigrant entrepreneurs are responsible for 18 percent of all Fortune 500 companies, including tech and business giants Google, Yahoo, Big Lots and BJ's Wholesale Club.

Combined, those enterprises pump $1.7 trillion in annual revenue into our economy and employ 3.7 million workers around the world.

Immigrant-owned small businesses can also make a big impact. As highlighted in the U.S. Chamber's recent report, "Immigrant Entrepreneurs: Creating Jobs and Strengthening the Economy," immigrants are not solely job creators in the high-tech sector. They are helping rejuvenate local communities and creating employment opportunities for their neighbors. And they are tapping into high-growth sectors and starting businesses in food manufacturing, transportation, construction, money transfer and travel services and tourism.

These growth businesses put Americans to work at home and often connect our markets with customers outside of the United States.

America's top-notch colleges and research institutions also help draw the world's talent. More than half of the master's and doctoral students studying the natural sciences and engineering disciplines at U.S. colleges and universities are foreign born. But after we educate these scientists and engineers in our institutions, U.S. immigration laws discourage them from remaining here.

We should abandon this mindless practice. Instead, we should allow the talented individuals we already attract to stay and work in the United States if employers want to hire them. Doing so would help draw global investment, create and retain jobs for our workers and grow our economy.

What's more, foreign born individuals with education and expertise in the STEM fields—science, technology, engineering and math—are needed to meet the growing demand for high-skilled workers.

Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce projects that by 2018 there will be 2.8 million job openings in technology-related careers at all levels.

Of those jobs, 1.2 million will be new and 1.6 million will be replacements for retirees—and nearly 800,000 of them will require an advanced degree. However, by 2018, the United States will have produced only about 400,000 American STEM graduates with a master's degree or a doctorate.

As a result, we face a skills gap that will compromise our global competitiveness. We must have the right people in those jobs, including high-skilled immigrants, to keep key innovation industries strong and productive.

It boils down to this: If we're going to continue to attract and retain the world's most creative entrepreneurs who want to better their lives and add to our economy, we've got to adopt a rational immigration policy that harnesses the energy and innovation of enterprising foreigners.

We've got to cut the red tape that holds back enterprising immigrants and ensure that we welcome job creators of every size and in every sector. It's also critical that we enable high-skilled immigrants and foreign students to invest their talent in our knowledge economy.

If we don't adopt these rational reforms, we'll wind up doing something irrational—sending innovation to our competitors at the expense of our own economic growth and job creation.

Not unless we remove roadblocks to the free exercise of free enterprise

By AMY RIDENOUR
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New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg claims the single biggest step America can take to promote innovation and economic growth is to fix our broken immigration system.

This is a mayor who bans private donations to food banks and regulates the size of beverage cups, so he's not always aligned with mainstream thinking.

The thrust of the mayor's argument, and that of many of those who agree with him, is that immigrants have a proud history of starting new businesses. Why, look at Andrew Carnegie's career, they say. He started out as a poor Scottish immigrant but he created U.S. Steel.

Sure, look at Andrew Carnegie's story, but while you're looking, notice what's missing: capital gains taxes, the EPA, the Endangered Species Act and a list of other safety and environmental rules and regulations longer than Paul Bunyan's arm.

America's changed. We now have far greater barriers to economic growth, and much more of an information economy.

A hundred years ago a high proportion of our workforce was employed in low-skilled manual labor, and a quarter of the adults had attended school for less than five years. An immigrant with scant education was not at a severe disadvantage.

Today, native-born Americans are far more likely to be educated, and workers in our country are far more likely to need that education to get a good job, yet a high percentage of our immigrants are relatively uneducated.

Mayor Bloomberg isn't wrong about everything—our immigration system is broken. But it should be fixed by starting with genuinely securing our southern border, not because immigration reform is a supposed magic bullet to jumpstart economic growth and innovation.

There are better ways to accomplish that, among them:

- Reduce the cost of a key input nearly all businesses have—energy—by making responsible cheap energy a primary policy goal: Permit drilling on federal lands and offshore, build the Keystone pipeline, open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling, stop intentionally bankrupting coal plants and approve more nuclear reactors. President Obama's philosophy of intentionally raising the cost of energy is an economic growth killer stronger than any immigration reform plan.
- Eliminate tax incentives and regulations that tie health insurance to employment, so projected increases in health-care costs or the threat of new health-care mandates on employers do not retard job growth.
- Adopt an incentive-based endangered species protection system that halts opportunity for environmental organizations to stop building projects through incessant lawsuits and does a better job protecting species, besides.
- Adopt a widespread school voucher program to help awaken the economic and entrepreneurship potential of kids stuck in failing public schools. Immigration policies designed to lure the best and the brightest from overseas can enhance America's competitive advantage but they do nothing to unlock the potential of bright American kids who have no academic role models and are stuck in poor schools.
- Raise the Social Security retirement age, as Social Security is insolvent and dealing with the problem will send a string positive signal to the markets, helping economic growth—besides, good ideas come from workers who have been around the block a few times.
- Cut the size of government, leaving more capital to the private sector, the true engine of innovation.
- Cut the number of regulations, as they impede business start-ups, slow or revere economic growth and intimidate would-be entrepreneurs.
- Stop crony capitalist practices that steer the greatest financial rewards to companies with the best lobbyists instead of allowing the marketplace to reward those firms providing the most innovative, highest-quality products and services.

If America is serious about economic growth, it needs to get government out of the way.

Q: Will immigration reform spur economic growth?

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Social media for tweens? No. It's better to keep things face to face

By PEGGY ORENSTEIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

I suspect parents will greet last weekend's report that Facebook may officially open a version of its site to preteens the same way their kids would: with an eye-rolling whatever.

After all, more than half of parents with 12-year-olds said in a recent survey that their child already has an account and most had lied about their kid's age to help them open it. Acknowledging that reality, Facebook says, will provide a legitimate "on-ramp" that would (in addition to boosting its rolls) allow a safer, more appropriate experience for the youngest users.

Most of the controversy around children's Internet use centers on protecting their privacy. There are strict laws limiting what online advertisers can knowingly harvest from those under 13 without parental consent. As the parent of a "tween" daughter, I'm certainly not keen to have those limits breached so she can be marketed to more efficiently. Nor am I excited by the prospect of her getting hooked on even more screen time.

But, honestly, those are not my main concerns. I worry more about the long-term impact Facebook could have on her psychological development, the way she constructs her identity—on who she is when (or, increasingly if) she turns the computer off.

The early reports, based on teens and young adults, are not comforting. In a study of college students, for instance, Adriana Manago of the Children's Digital Media Center at UCLA found that among users of MySpace, identity was becoming increasingly externally driven: the self turning into a kind of brand crafted in response to feedback from hundreds of invisible consumers. Similarly, Sherry Turkle, a professor at MIT and author of the book "Alone Together," writes about the "presentation anxiety" that affects young people as they craft their Facebook profiles—assembling the ideal amalgam of pictures, products, "likes."

Girls, not surprisingly, focus on physical appearance ("skinny mini" and "u r so sexxy" being typical comments on photos) sometimes creating, according to Clifford Nass, a professor of sociology at Stanford, a perfect feedback loop: The more they care about their looks, the more they check their Facebook profiles; the more they check their Facebook profiles, the more they care about their looks.

I don't mean to demonize social media. I enjoy it. Facebook helps me stay in touch with family and friends scattered around the globe, meet people I admire, test out material with readers. Yet I am also aware of the ways it has subtly shifted my self-perception, how it encourages me to process experience as it occurs, to package my life as I live it rather than just live it. As I read at night to my daughter or stand in line at the supermarket or write this sentence, part of my consciousness splits off, viewing the scene from the outside and imagining how to distill it into a status update.

Apparently, kids are not the only ones at risk of turning the self into a performance.

Social media can feel like a series of funhouse mirrors, both forging and undermining greater intimacy, sometimes simultaneously. As an adult, I'm willing to be a guinea pig in that experiment, to see where it takes me. I'm not, however, willing to put my child in the same position.

So regardless of how they spin it, of how they try to entice her, my daughter will be staying off Facebook as long as possible, keeping it strictly face to face.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Unpaid wages

I hope that the latest partnership agreement signed by the ambassadors of the Philippines, Honduras, Peru, and Ecuador with Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis will enable our fellow guest workers in the CNMI who have been patiently and/or hopelessly waiting for their unpaid wages to receive full payments of the money owed them under the laws of the United States. ***(See story on Page 10)*** I am encouraging those who have unpaid salaries and wages to submit your claims to regional enforcement offices of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and to its Wages and Hour Division and a copy to our Philippine Consulate General. This is a great development in the case of foreign workers in the CNMI with awarded claims but were unsuccessful in getting their hard earned money from their employers.

Carlito J. Marquez
Puerto Rico, Saipan

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Yap	Showers	▲90	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲85	▼75
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼43
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲98	▼66
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼74
London	Thundershowers	▲63	▼55
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲72	▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼80
Melbourne	Showers	▲59	▼48
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85	▼76
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Osaka	Thundershowers	▲78	▼70
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San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼60
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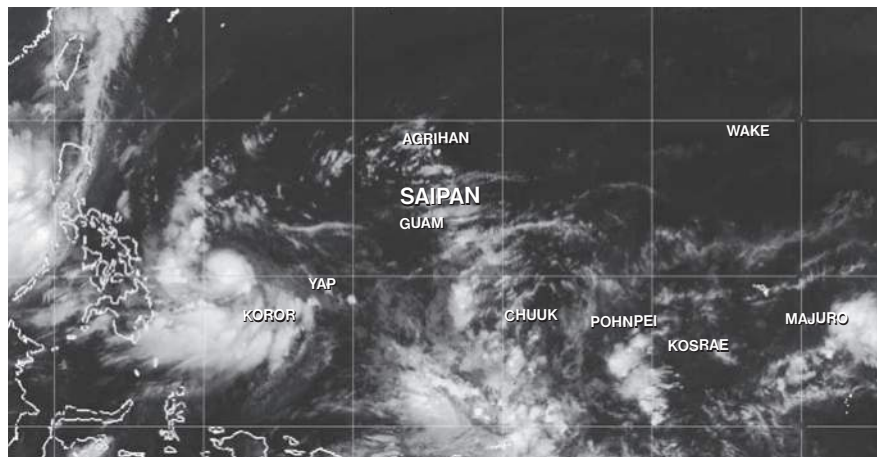
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Guchol (05W) is centered 290 miles north-northwest of Koror at 11N132E with maximum sustained winds near 80 mph. Guchol is moving west at 14 mph. Heavy rain is occurring within 80 miles of the center. For more information on Typhoon Guchol, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A surface trough extends northeastward from Typhoon Guchol to end at 19N139E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found well west of the Marianas within 80 miles of a line from 13N132E to 19N138E. A monsoon trough extends through the center of Typhoon Guchol then heads southeastward over Yap to southwest of Chuuk at 5N151E then turns south to end at EQ152E. Convergent southwest flow south of the trough is causing numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Republic of Palau west of a line from 9N135E to 5N135E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Koror south of a line from 3N130E to 6N140E and west of Chuuk south of a line from 11N145E to 11N152E. An upper-level low is centered over the Marianas at 15N145E. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near Guam within 80 miles of a line from 13N142E to 13N153E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Pohnpei and near Kosrae south of a line from 5N152E to 7N164E. Converging trade winds are generating scattered showers north of Kwajalein within 75 miles of a line from 8N165E to 12N174E and southeast of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 2N171E to 7N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:02 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
5:25 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:01 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
8:04 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Sunday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Monday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Tuesday	5:47 AM	6:49 PM
Wednesday	5:48 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:56 AM	4:01 PM
Sunday	3:40 AM	4:50 PM
Monday	4:26 AM	5:40 PM
Tuesday	5:14 AM	6:30 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	7:18 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 13, 2012

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA5074	11:30pm	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:45pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/723	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5062	3:40am	5:40am	1, 3, 5

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5062	2:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA180/5071	10:35pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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CATHOLIC

Mt. Carmel Cathedral
Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English
Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro
Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro
Parish office hours:
Monday-Saturday
8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm

Korean Center
Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 10am
Thursday-Friday: 8pm
Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm

Kristo Rai Parish
Sunday- Saturday: 6am
Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm)
Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated)
Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass
Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm.
Telephone no. 285-0273

Santa Soledad Mission Parish
Monday: 6pm
Tuesday: 6pm
Wednesday: 6pm
Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass)
Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass)
Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am,
Saturday: 4-6pm
Telephone no. 256-4568

Saint Jude Parish
Monday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 7am
Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am
Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm
Office is close every Thursday and Saturday
Telephone no. 288-0007

San Antonio Parish
Monday-Friday 6pm
Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children)
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm
Close on Sunday and Monday

San Francisco de Borja-Rota
Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English
Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro
Wednesday:6pm English
Thursday: 6am Chamorro
Friday: 6am English
Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog
Sunday: anticipated mass

San Isidro-Rota
Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am
Monday-Friday: 7pm
Saturday: 5am and 7pm

San Jose (Oleai) Parish
Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass
Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament
Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass
Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass
Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm
Thursday: day off
Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm
Telephone no. 234-6991

San Roque Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English
Monday: 6pm English
Tuesday: 6pm English
Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil
Thursday: 6pm English
Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays)
Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass
Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm
Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143

San Vicente Parish
Monday-Friday: 6pm,
Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month)
Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm
Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm
Parish office hours: daily 9-11am
Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131

Santa Remedios
Sunday: 8am
Monday: 6pm (1st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm)
Tuesday- Friday: 6pm
Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm
Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm

PROTESTANT

Amen Church
Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net

Born Again Christian
(Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan
Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm
Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm
Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am
Sunday School for Children: 10-11am
Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm

Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9am
Sunday Morning Worship: 10am
Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm
Telephone no. 234-6026/27

Chinese Christian Church of Saipan
Worship Services:
Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm
Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm
Telephone no. 235-8540

Church 360
Suite 103 of Marianas Business Plaza (1st floor of former Nauru Building).
Contact www.church360saipan.org, info@church360saipan.org, or call 888-2116
Celebration Service: Sundays at 10:15am
Prayer Fellowship: Thursdays at 6:30pm

Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan
Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am
Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm
Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm
Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm
As Perdido Road
Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950
Tel. No. (670) 235-8590
Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org

Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 10:00am
Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road,
Call 285-6081 for directions

Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am
Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service)
GBI Classes: 4-6pm
Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio
Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week)
Telephone no. 322-5680

Iglesia Ni Cristo, Saipan
Wednesday: 7:45pm (English)
Thursday: 5:30am (English); 7:45 pm (Tagalog)
Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog)
Sunday: 6:45am (English)
Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)

Immanuel United Methodist Church
Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa
(east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral)
Worship Service: 9:00am
Children's Sunday School: 9:00am
Choir Practice: 8:00am
Singspiration: 8:30am
Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm
Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158

Immanuel Methodist Church
(Filipino Congregation)
Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal
8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog)
9:15am-Sunday School
Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group
8:00pm-Prayer Meeting
Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church)
Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage)
(Korean Congregation)
Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm
Wednesday evening service: 8pm
Daily morning prayer: 5am

Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan
Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am,
Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm,
Wednesday: 7:30-9pm

Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan
Sunday School: 9:20am
Sunday Adult: 11am
Sunday Evening: 7:30pm
Wednesday: 8pm

Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan
Sunday Worship Service: 10am–12noon
Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm
Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm
Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm
Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm
Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)

Living Hope Church of the Nazarene
Isa Drive, I-Denni Hill across from Ponderosa Heights
Bible Studies for all ages: Sunday at 10:00 am
Worship: Sunday at 11:00 am
Pastor Dave Bucher, 256-1142

Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan
English Worship Service: 9-10:30am
Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm
Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am
Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm
English Sunday School: 11am-12pm
Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting:
English, 7pm-8pm
Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Missions Connection Ministry
Every Sunday Celebrations:
10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog)
Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm
Youth Impact Friday: 7pm
Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm

Northern Marianas Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd.
Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1
Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661

Marianas Bible Fellowship Center
Sunday School: 9-9:30am
Divine Worship: 9:30-11am
Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm

Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch)
Sunday worship 8:30am
Sunday evening 7:00pm
Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm
San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel
Telephone: 789-7566

Saipan Christian Church
Sunday: 7:30am-10am
Sunday: 6:30 pm -9pm
Monday: 8 pm -10pm (Prayer Meeting)
Thursday: 8pm-10pm (Cell Groups)

Saipan Church of Christ
Sunday Bible Class: 9am
Sunday Worship: 10am
Sunday Worship English: 10-11am
Sunday Worship Tagalog: 6-7pm
Thursday Bible Study: 7pm

Saipan Community Church
(Sunday Services)
Palau Service: 7:30am-9am
English Service: 10am-11:30am
Chuukese Service: 1pm-2:30pm
Filipino Service: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Saipan
(Saturday Church Services)
Sabbath School Program: 9-10am
Lesson Study: 10-10:40am
Divine Service: 11-12pm
Visitation: 3-4pm
Adventist Youth Program: 4:30-5:30pm
Sundown Worship: 6-7pm

First Baptist Church Koblerville
Sunday services:
Sunday school 9:00am
Morning worship 10:00am
Evening service 6:00pm
Wednesday evening bible study 7:00pm

Chinese services
Sunday morning 10:00am
Sunday evening 7:00pm

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church.
Telephone No: 285-4661/2

Thy Word Ministries Saipan
Faith Center
Phone 234-0209
New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches.
Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi
Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi

Service Times
Sunday 10:00am Worship Service
Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes
Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies
Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer
Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice
Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service
Saturday 10:00am Evangelism

Upper Room International Ministries
Sunday 5:30am-6:30am
Morning prayer
7am-9am English service
7am-9am Sunday school
10am-12noon English service, Koblerville
Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting
Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service
Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church
Gualo Rai, Saipan

Victory Chapel Christian
Fellowship Church
Sunday School: 9:30am
Sunday AM Worship:10:30am
Sunday PM Worship:7:00am
Wed Worship: 7:30pm
Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times
Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

Victorious Christian Church
(Formerly God's Victorious Army)
Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service
Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship
Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup
Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service
Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice
Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting
Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Jun. 16, 2000

Amendment to state funeral law eyed
Senate Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes vowed to press passage of an amendment to the state funeral law to allow the government to give formal honors to individuals in the community who are otherwise not qualified under the present criteria. HB 12-154 cleared the lower house last March, but has yet been acted by the Senate despite the deaths of three prominent members over the past few months who were not honored a state funeral due to the restrictions of the existing law. Senators are set to hold session today where Mr. Reyes said he will move to include that House amendment to the agenda for voting.

Unpaid retro pay reaches $9.4M
The government has owed over $9.4 million in unpaid pay raise to nearly 2,000 employees, according to the Office of Management and Budget. In a report to Sen. Edward U. Maratita who has asked for the information in preparation for a plan to pay these overdue wages, OMB chief Edward S. Tenorio said the administration will need more time to compile and update on the financial obligation. The Rota senator, who chairs the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, is looking at appropriating some funds from FY 2001 budget for its settlement, saying that the mandatory pay increase for government employees has been neglected long enough.

Jun. 16, 2003

Unassisted worker to be deported
The Superior Court has affirmed the deportation of an alien worker who claimed he was not represented by any lawyer when the court conducted a hearing prior to the issuance of a repatriation order last April 22. Associate Judge David Wiseman effectively made the affirmation by denying last June 12 the request of Roberto C. Senido to stay the deportation order against him, saying that ruling otherwise would circumvent CNMI laws. "While the court is not unsympathetic to [Senido's] situation, the court must nevertheless deny the motion for reconsideration and stay of deportation," Wiseman said.

CRMO chief defends agency's mandate
Coastal Resources Management Office director Joaquin D. Salas defended his agency's existence, in the face of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources' call to strip it of certain functions pertaining to coastal resources protection. In a letter to Gov. Juan N. Babauta last week, Salas said there is no need to transfer certain technical functions and funding from CRMO to DLNR as inter-agency cooperation has resulted in better achievement of the goals of government projects. The DLNR had earlier asked the Governor to limit the CRMO to just issuing permits. The two agencies have been engaged in a turf war over environmental issues, that most recent of which was the DLNR's use of rotenone in collecting fish specimens.

Jun. 16, 2004

CUC's Sablan: No sole-sourcing of contracts
Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chairman Herman P. Sablan denied yesterday that CUC is "sole sourcing" solutions to resolve the current power crisis. In a June 12, 2004 statement that was released yesterday, Sablan said any reports insinuating that CUC would be sole-sourcing contracts for the privatization of its power plants are "totally and completely erroneous and unacceptable to me and my colleagues on the CUC board of directors." "It has come to my attention lately from misconstrued media reports and misinterpretation of verbal statements made by CUC officers, including myself, that might insinuate to the public at large that CUC might be looking for solutions to resolve its power crises by 'sole sourcing' solutions with power Plant 4 or any other suppliers," Sablan said.

Lagoon project could affect 18 land parcels
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer disclosed Monday that portions of at least 18 land parcels in Quartermaster and on Beach Road would be affected when the Corps begins the Saipan Lagoon Restoration Project, which aims to control the flow of runoff into the Saipan lagoon. In a report presented to the 14th CNMI Legislature yesterday, the Corps disclosed that nine areas would be affected along the China House site, where five landowners have yet to be identified. The Army Corps has already identified four owners of the affected lots. At the Quartermaster area, seven owners were identified while the government reportedly owns a parcel of land near the cockfighting arena; another owner has yet to be identified.

Maharlika

Filipino community marks Independence Day with *Pistang Pinoy*

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Island residents, tourists, and the Filipino community flocked to the Civic Center in Susupe last Sunday to take part in the 2012 *Pistang Pinoy*, the annual event organized by the United Filipino Organization in celebration of the 114th Philippine Independence Day.

"We're very pleased to see not just our fellow *kababayans* but other members of the community enjoy *Pistang Pinoy*. All our hard work paid off and we thank the community for all their support which made the event successful," UFO president Bong Malasarte told *Saipan Tribune*.

The event kicked off in the morning, with 12 food vendors keeping festival-goers fed and hydrated. Thirteen non-food vendors also sold assorted merchandise.

Spectators were treated to live entertainment by different performing individuals and groups, including Jayrald Mercene, Christylyn Montilla, Canape Brothers, High Pitch Band, Exhibit Dancers, Bayani Association, Sherijean & Yuki Ana Dela Cruz, Leonard Manuel Alla, Umang Glee Club, Vox Angelics Choir, Mikaella Cunanan, Kyokusenkai Karate Do, Cornerstone Performing Arts Group, Nikki Canape, Erica Tubera, Lawrence Tubera, Rachelle Apritado, Green Meadow Dance Crew, and Uncle Ben's Music & Dance Studio.

A medical mission spearheaded by the Tau Gamma Phi-Triskelion drew 137 individuals who availed of the free blood sugar and blood pressure screenings.

"It's the first time that the group held such activity," said president Rio Evangelista. He thanked all generous donors that made the medical mission possible: Brabu Pharmacy, Magic 100.3KWAW, Concept One, IT&E, City Trust Bank, Star Water, RNV Construction, The Lounge Bakery, DJ Fish Morbile, and all Triskelion Groups.

A drawing contest for the youth was also held. The 10 participants were asked to draw the Philippine flag and what *kalayaan* or freedom means to them. The winners were John Romeo Malasarte, first place, $25; Ramhae Awit, second place, $15; and Christian Bernardo, third place, $10.

The culinary team of Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel dominated the *Panlasang Pinoy* cooking contest, one of the event highlights. The group won $300 for their on-the-spot preparation of Sizzling Squid, along with their renditions of Beef Steak Tagalog, Pork Adobo, Sweet & Sour Mahi-Mahi, and *Ginataang Puso ng Saging.*

Other winners and their corresponding prizes were Shirley's Coffee Shop, second place, $200; Sandjuvy Restaurant, third place, $100; and Top Cuisine, fourth place, $50. Judges for the contest were chef William Retardo of Mariana Resort & Spa, chef Roman Neri of Saipan World Resort, chef Jake Villanueva of Naked Fish, and Andrea Sablan.

Pistang Pinoy culminated with the first ever *Deal or No Deal* live game, where Kagman resident Erlinda Fabricante Arriola had the chance to win $1,000. ***(See related story)***.

UFO secretary Annamae Adaza gave special recognition to their major sponsor for the event. "The UFO team is so happy that our event was a huge success and we especially thank Docomo Pacific, particularly general manager James Nelson, for always helping and supporting our organization all the way."

Adaza also recognized other generous donors: Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Marpac, Coca-Cola, Overseas Workers Welfare Association and the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, Kristo Rai Parish, Real International Corp., Andrea Sablan, Top Cuisine, Marianas Resort & Spa, Aqua Resort Club, Tinian Dynasty, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Kanoa Resort Saipan, Saipan World Resort, Pacific Islands Club, Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel, Sherwood, Shenanigans, Tony Roma's, Capricciosa, Truong's, Country House, Moby Dick Restaurant, Smile Marianas, Don Pedro Restaurant & Karaoke Bar, Dulili Enterprises, Nelida Atalig, Best Seller, Shirley Food Manufacturing, IP&E, Taro Sue Store, and two anonymous donors.

She also acknowledged program coordinator and host Minda Castro, choreographers Joel Vallega and Ernie Molina, Magic 100.3, Gary Camacho of CUC, Becky Tenorio of TSL Foundation, Mario Mayuga, Saipan Dance Studio, and all UFO officers and members.

UFO sponsored a *lechon* or roasted pig that members and other guests enjoyed at the end of the event.

Deal or No Deal Saipan-style a wild success

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Deal or No Deal contestant Erlinda Fabricante Arriola is flanked by the 24 briefcase ladies and game show host Ulysses Sabuco after an exciting game that served as the *Pistang Pinoy* highlight at the Civic Center Beach Park in Susupe on June 10.

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REPORTER

Clasping her hands together, Erlinda Fabricante Arriola glanced at the two remaining briefcases—Nos. 18 and 14—then looked at the crowd below the stage, all roaring wildly as they egged "Ate Linda" to choose their favored briefcase.

The visibly jittery and undecided Kagman resident was down to the last two briefcases and all she had to do was choose which briefcase she thinks has the lower amount inside, leaving behind the one that she thinks contains the highest amount.

After a few more seconds of painful internal struggle, Erlinda finally settled on briefcase No. 18—a decision that she would regret.

When the briefcase lady opened No. 18 to reveal $1,000, Erlinda shrieked with disappointment, along with the hundreds of spectators of the *Deal or No Deal* game, the highlight of the recently concluded 2012 *Pistang Pinoy*, the annual event hosted by the United Filipino Organization.

A retired teacher at San Vicente Elementary School, Erlinda was the only contestant in the first ever staging of the contest tailored after a popular television U.S. game show.

It was a complete casting for the *Deal or No Deal*, Saipan-style—with the 24 ladies clutching their respective briefcases bearing dollar amounts, an enthusiastic contestant, an engaging host in the person of Ulysses Sabuco, and a top-secret banker.

"I wasn't too familiar with the show because I don't watch it on television," Erlinda told *Saipan Tribune* after the exciting game held at the Civic Center Beach Park in Susupe.

With the highest amount gone, all that's left to be opened was briefcase No. 14 and Erlinda's briefcase No. 13.

Only two amounts remained: $125 and $30. Erlinda's upsetting choice of the briefcase bearing $1,000 convinced her to ditch her own briefcase and take the banker's offer of $77. Erlinda didn't know that her briefcase actually contained the higher amount.

"I decided to take the deal since the $1,000 was already gone. But all in all, it was a great game and I enjoyed it very much although it was really nerve-wracking. The entire time, I don't know which briefcase to choose," Erlinda said.

Erlinda's edginess and unfamiliarity with the game even prompted her to ask the host from time to time if she could just up and leave and just take the banker's deal. Several times throughout the show, when she opened a briefcase containing a small amount, Erlinda was seen grooving to upbeat music.

"That was my way to shake off nerves. Believe me, it helped a lot," Erlinda remarked, laughing.

A fairly new member of the Saipan Lions Club, Erlinda revealed that it was her first time at the *Pistang Pinoy* and that she actually bought 40 tickets in support of her Lions friends who are also affiliated with UFO.

Erlinda took part in the *Pistang Pinoy* festivities with her son, Greg, who is a probation officer at the federal court.

When asked why she chose briefcase no. 13, Erlinda explained, "When I went up the stage and I gazed at the ladies, that number stood out from the rest of the briefcases."

Despite not bringing home the coveted $1,000 grand prize, Erlinda said she will still go home very much content. She took home a $50 gift certificate from D&Q, a healthy lunch buffet for two at the Chambre Bar, oral cleaning from Smile Marianas, a one-night stay in a deluxe room at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, and the grand prize of a Samsung Galaxy Y from Docomo Pacific.

"I even got more than my tickets' worth so I'll definitely buy tickets again next year," she said.

UFO president Bong Malasarte expressed his appreciation for the "overwhelming support" of the community in the first staging of the *Deal or No Deal* game.

He thanked host Sabuco and the 24 young ladies who contributed in the success of *Deal or No Deal* and their parents who allowed them to participate, their choreographers Joel Vallega and Ernie Molina, Ester Sablan for providing the studio for the girls' rehearsals, Jester for the Deal or No Deal soundtrack, and all other volunteers.

"With the success of *Deal or No Deal*, we are looking at having it regularly in *Pistang Pinoy*," added Malasarte.

Labor Secretary Solis, PH, others ink migrant worker rights accord

WASHINGTON, D.C— During a ceremony this week at U.S. Department of Labor headquarters in Washington, Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis signed partnership agreements with ambassadors representing the embassies of Honduras, the Philippines, Peru and Ecuador.

"Migrant workers make important contributions to our economy," said Solis. "[These] agreements help ensure these workers are aware of the right to safe workplaces and to receive full payment of the wages owed to them under the laws of the United States."

Under the agreements, regional enforcement offices of the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration and its Wage and Hour Division will cooperate with local consulates of the four countries. Together, the consulates and Labor Department agencies will reach out to migrant workers with information about U.S. health, safety and wage laws.

The partnerships will help the Wage and Hour Division and OSHA more effectively enforce U.S. laws, especially in high-risk and low-wage industries. This cooperation also will help both agencies identify problems faced by migrant workers and target labor law enforcement efforts.

"We are very pleased to sign these joint declarations and letters of arrangement with DOL," said Philippine Ambassador Jose L. Cuisia Jr. "We assure DOL we will do our part in ensuring the dissemination of helpful information to Filipino workers concerning their right to a safe and healthy working environment, and fair wages and working hours in the U.S., and in assisting them to seek redress when such rights are disregarded or outright violated."

More information about the agreements and the department's program to protect migrant workers is available at http://www.dol.gov/ilab. ***(PRNewswire-USNewswire)***

Over 300 avail of free health screening

A total of 327 Filipinos availed of free medical services during the second quarter health screening hosted by the Philippine Consulate General on Saipan last June 3.

The health screening, held at the Filipino Workers Resource Center at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe, was a collaborative effort with the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Filipino Volunteer Medical Team from the Commonwealth Health Center, Hardt Eye Clinic, and PHI Pharmacy. Bayani Association also participated in the activity.

Of the total number, 265 individuals were checked for blood pressure and blood sugar levels while 64 were screened for their vision.

There were also 24 individuals who paid or renewed their OWWA membership at the event. ***(Clarissa V. David)***

CARTOGRAPHY WAR

Scarborough Shoal: It's PH map vs China map

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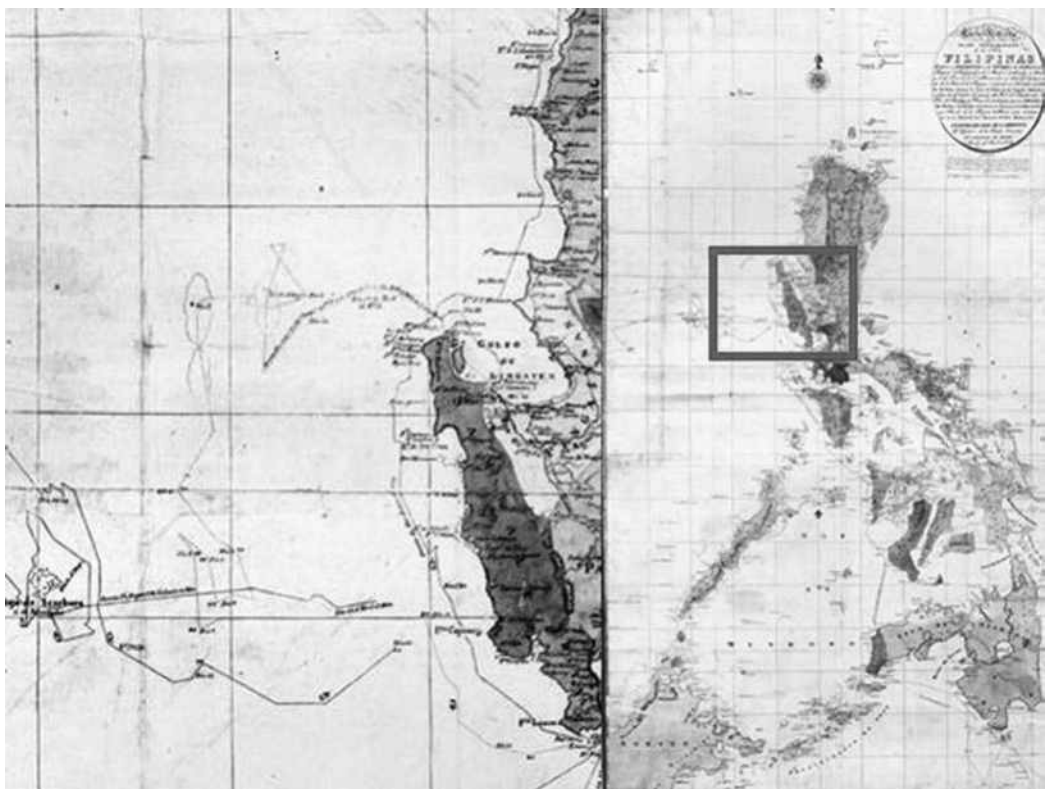
Old maps, which some government officials believe may hold the key to the Philippines' claim to Scarborough Shoal in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea), were created by foreign missionaries and colonial explorers, making them "personal and unofficial," according to a report posted on the website of the Chinese Embassy in Makati City.

The maps do not in any way represent the views of the government, said the same report written by Lu Yang, a Beijing-based scholar.

It cited a Philippine foreign ministry website article dated April 28, which said that a map drawn by a missionary and published in 1734 was one of the first maps that indicated that Huangyan Island is part of the Philippines.



European cartographers named Scarborough Shoal as "Bajo Scarburo" in this 1820 map from the book *Mapping the Philippines: The Spanish Period.*

China refers to the shoal as Huangyan Island while the Philippines calls the rock formation Bajo de Masinloc and Panatag Shoal.

The report said another map drawn by Spanish explorers in 1792 and published in 1808 in Madrid bared the path they took in arriving and sailing around the island. It said the Philippines may be hinting that if China can base its sovereignty claims over Huangyan Island on historical maps, so can it.

"But China can present a greater number of official maps to show its ownership of Huangyan Island. Even a Philippine citizen who wrote to [the newspaper] *Manila Standard Today* recognized the fact that China discovered Huangyan Island and drew it on a map as early as 1279 during the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368). He said, 'The old maps being relied upon by our Department of Foreign Affairs in its spurious claim on the same territory were drawn up only in 1820, or 541 years after China's,'" the report noted.

In his report, Lu also asserted that the official maps published by successive Chinese governments have always labeled Huangyan Island as part of China's territory—"not as a matter of convenience, but to facilitate government."

"None of international treaties that define the extent of the Philippine territory includes Huangyan Island as part of its territory. Apparently, the old maps referred to by the Philippines had no validity when these treaties were being drawn up. What's more, for a long time, the official maps of the Philippines or maps published with official sanction, all marked Huangyan Island or Scarborough Shoal, as lying outside the territorial limits of the country," Lu pointed out.

According to the author, the Philippine national map published in 2006 by the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority of the Philippines (Namria) positively placed Huangyan Island outside the limit of Philippine territory.

"The same is true of the Map of the Philippines, published in 2010, and the Political Map of the Philippines, published in 2008 and revised in 2000," he said, noting that "all these maps are certified by the Namria and undoubtedly represent the official position of the Philippine government."

In April, Senator Edgardo Angara, who has a collection of ancient maps of the country, told the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* that old maps dating back to Spanish colonial times may hold the key to the country's claim to Scarborough Shoal.

"It's clear that Scarborough Shoal is part of our cartography during Spanish colonial times. We have maps reproduced from the original, made in 1734. During that time, Scarborough was already part of the Philippines," Angara said.

Pentagon: US to equip Philippines with powerful radar

WASHINGTON (AFP)—The US military on Tuesday said it planned to provide a powerful land-based radar to the Philippines as the country faced an escalating dispute with China over territorial rights in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

The radar system will form part of a "watch center" that will track ships off the Philippine archipelago's coastline, according to a Pentagon spokesperson.

"We are in the initial planning stages of assisting the Philippines with a National Coast Watch Center," Major Catherine Wilkinson told Agence France Presse.

"This center will improve the Philippine maritime domain awareness of a breadth of security issues including countering the proliferation of WMD (weapons of mass destruction) to countering illegal smuggling," Wilkinson said.

The cost and the timeline for the project were still being worked out, she said.

Robust show of support

Plans to provide a powerful radar to the Philippines came after President Benigno Aquino met with US President Barack Obama at the White House, where the Philippine leader was offered a robust show of military and economic support.

Manila has asked for the radar system and other military assistance to bolster its position in a row with Beijing over Scarborough (Panatag) Shoal, which lies near the main Philippine island of Luzon.

The plan to provide Manila with a radar system reflects Washington's strategic pivot to Asia amid escalating tensions in the strategic waterway which is believed to contain vast oil and gas deposits, analysts said.

"Land-based radar is one of the practical ways the United States can simultaneously boost Philippine defense capabilities and signal Washington's long-term commitment to Asia," said Patrick Cronin, senior adviser for Asia at the Center for a New American Security, a Washington think tank.

China may choose to defuse tensions just before a gathering of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations next month, Cronin said.

"But it is also possible that China is determined to humiliate the Philippines and, indirectly, the United States," he added.

The Philippines has also expressed interest in patrol vessels and aircraft to help monitor the vast waters off its coast, where the Chinese have sent ships to assert their territorial claims.

It was unlikely the United States would provide military aircraft to the Philippines at a time when China may be preparing a conciliatory gesture, Cronin said.

"If China persists with embarrassing the Philippines, then I have no doubt aircraft sales will follow," he said.

Admiral Cecil Haney, the commander of the Pacific Fleet, on Monday said the US Navy would be sending its most advanced warships, submarines and fighter jets to the Asia-Pacific region as China modernized its own naval forces at breakneck speed.

Haney mentioned the Littoral Combat Ship that could operate in shallower waters than other vessels, the EA-18G plane that could jam enemy air defenses and fly faster than the speed of sound, and the US Navy's most advanced submarine—the Virginia-class.

To outgun rivals' ships

Amid rising tensions in the West Philippine Sea, China's state-controlled media and online military websites reported last week that the first of a new class of a stealthy littoral combat frigate, the type 056, had been launched at Shanghai's Hudong shipyard with three others under construction.

According to analysts, the new 1,700-ton ship, armed with a 76mm main gun, missiles and antisubmarine torpedoes, would easily outgun the warships of rival claimants in the strategic waterway, according to the analysts.

Once critical Philippines embraces new Myanmar

By JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines—once one of the harshest critics of Myanmar's human rights record—on Thursday praised the country's reforms over the past year and sought closer trade and political ties.

President Benigno Aquino III also told Myanmar's visiting top diplomat, Wunna Maung Lwin, that the Philippines was ready to help share lessons it has learned in its own difficult transition from dictatorship to democracy.

Aquino and the Myanmar foreign minister "noted that the Philippines also went through a transition to democracy and that we are ready to share our experience with Myanmar if it will help them in their own transition," presidential spokesman Ricky Carandang said.

An army-backed "people power" revolt toppled Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986 in a historic uprising that became a harbinger of change in authoritarian regimes worldwide. That uprising was led by the current president's mother, democracy icon Corazon Aquino, who was catapulted to power after Marcos fell.

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In this photo released by the Malacanang Photo Bureau on Thursday, June 14, 2012, Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino III, right, sits next to Myanmar's Foreign Minister Wunna Maung Lwin during his courtesy call at the Malacanang Presidential Palace in Manila, Philippines.

The Philippines, however, has faced many challenges, including military unrest, widespread poverty, corruption and political turbulence following the 1986 uprising.

Carandang said recent sectarian violence between Buddhists and Muslims in western Myanmar was not discussed by Aquino and Wunna Maung Lwin. Philippine Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said he may raise the issue when he meets his Myanmar counterpart on Friday.

The Philippines used to be the most vocal critic of Myanmar's dismal human rights record in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, a conservative political and trade bloc to which both nations belong.

In a measure of Myanmar's reversal of fortune, the Philippines has sought to deepen its ties with the once-pariah nation in political cooperation, trade, investment, agriculture, tourism and air services, Philippine officials said.

Veteran Mideast TV reporter missing in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine authorities say a veteran Middle Eastern TV reporter and two Filipino crew are missing on a southern island where Muslim militants are active.

Police say Baker Atyani, Al-Arabiya's TV bureau chief for Southeast Asia, has failed to contact authorities since Tuesday, when he was last seen on Jolo Island while on a reporting trip.

Sulu provincial police chief Antonio Freyra says the three men checked out of their Jolo hostel and were picked up by a minivan. They failed to show up for Philippine Independence Day rites later that day despite telling the governor and the mayor they would cover the event.

A Filipino TV reporter planning to interview leaders of the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf group in 2008 was held for ransom on Jolo for 10 days.

Samu't Sari

Government officials led by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, and CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan join the staff of the Philippine Consulate General and other guests for a group photo following the program commemorating the 114th anniversary of the Declaration of Philippine Independence at the Marianas Business Plaza ground floor lobby last June 10.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy, happy 8th birthday to Aaron Gabriel Ignacio, who is celebrating his birthday today. May you have more birthdays to come! We love you so much! Greetings come from your Dad, Mom, Baby Lance and Baby Athena.

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Danny and Remy Buniag of the Governor's Office and CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's wife, Andrea, are flanked by Filipino community leaders after enjoying a hearty breakfast served during the Consulate-hosted 114th anniversary of Philippine Independence Day at the Filipino Workers Resource Center on Sunday.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Hard Rock Cafe Saipan staff pose with Department of Public Safety personnel outside DFS Galleria during the Guns & Hoses event in celebration of Hard Rock's founding anniversary on June 14.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

The 2012 scholarship recipients of Joeten Charitable Foundation each hold their $1,000 checks as they smile for the camera along with their family members and the foundation trustees in a presentation ceremony at the Joeten Susupe office Thursday morning.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Chacha Junior High School top student Lilly Jean King Bautista, second from left, is joined by family members after the promotional ceremony Monday on campus. From left are father Louie, Lilly Jean, mother Rosie, and brother Louie Dean.

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Business

Stanford gets 110 years for role in $7B swindle

HOUSTON (AP)—Former jet-setting Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford had plenty of things to say Thursday before a federal judge sentenced him to 110 years in prison for bilking investors out of more than $7 billion over two decades.

An apology was not one of them.

In a defiant, rambling statement that lasted more than 40 minutes, Stanford told the court about the injuries he suffered during a prison fight; criticized the government for its "gestapo tactics" when his companies were put in receivership and their assets sold off to pay back investors; described his financial empire as a victim of the 2008 credit collapse; and recalled riding horses with former President George W. Bush.

"I am and will always be at peace with the way I conducted myself in business," he said before the judge handed down the sentence.

Prosecutors said Stanford, 62, used the money from investors who bought certificates of deposit, or CDs, from his bank on the Caribbean island nation of Antigua to fund a string of failed businesses, bribe regulators and pay for a lavish lifestyle that included yachts, a fleet of private jets and sponsorship of cricket tournaments. The one-time billionaire was convicted in March on 13 of 14 fraud-related counts in one of the largest Ponzi schemes in U.S. history.

Houston retiree Sandra Dorrell, who lost over $1 million in the fraud, said Stanford's statement to the court shows the financier cares only about himself and will never admit any wrongdoing.

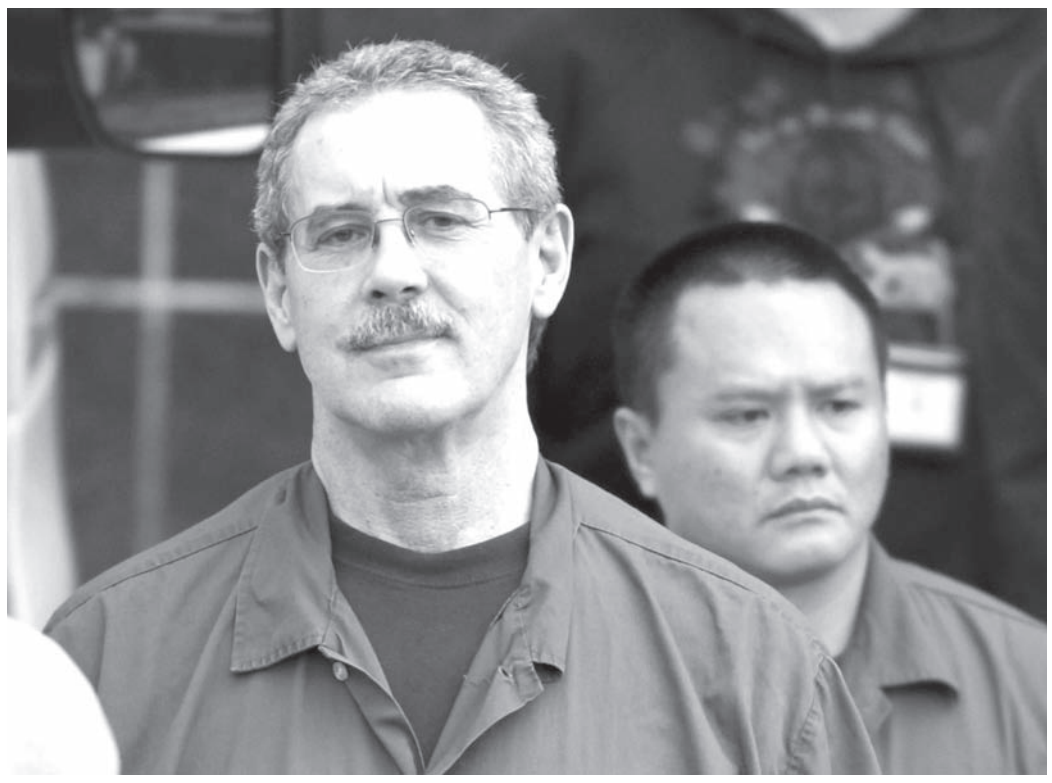
"It would have been really nice if he had turned around and said, `I am sorry,' to the victims," said Dorrell, 59, adding that the sentence handed down by U.S. District Judge David Hittner was "very well-deserved."

Prosecutors had asked that Stanford be sentenced to 230 years in prison, the maximum sentence possible. Stanford's attorneys had asked for a maximum of 41 months, a sentence he could have completed within about five months because he has been jailed since his arrest in June 2009.

Stanford's convictions on conspiracy, wire and mail fraud charges followed a seven-week trial.

During Thursday's hearing, Stanford remained defiant, insisting his business empire was legitimate and he "worked tirelessly and honestly."

"I did not run a Ponzi scheme. I didn't defraud anybody," Stanford said.



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In this March 6, 2012 file photo, R. Allen Stanford leaves the Bob Casey Federal Courthouse in Houston.

Even with short-term fixes, European future bleak

BOSTON (AP)—Europe's on-again, off-again progress in tackling its debt problems has kept U.S. investors on edge for the better part of two-and-a-half years. It seems like this ride should be over by now, but it isn't. Risks continue to grow.

An election in Greece on Sunday could be a turning point in the crisis. A newly popular leftist political party wants to renegotiate or scrap austerity measures agreed to as part of Greece's bailout. If it wins, that could lead to Greece's exit from the group of 17 countries that use the euro.

Investors' fears are also focused on a much larger country due west of Greece: Spain.

European leaders agreed last weekend to bail out Spanish banks reeling from a real estate bust, but the relief was only temporary. A stock market rally lasted just a few hours as investors balked at the lack of detail in the program. Also, the deal leaves Spain's government with the responsibility to repay the banks' rescue loans, and it's hardly in a strong position to take on more debt as it presides over a shrinking economy.

Escalating worries about Spain's finances led bond investors to demand higher interest rates on the country's bonds. Spain's borrowing costs this week jumped to the highest level since the country joined the euro in 1999. The yield on its 10-year bond spiked close to 7 percent. That's the level that led Greece, Ireland and Portugal to seek financial rescues from their European neighbors. Yields on Italy's debt are also surging.

Expect borrowing costs to rise further for Italy and Spain if Greece drops the euro and resurrects the drachma as its currency. Much is at stake, because their economies are the third- and fourth-largest among eurozone nations, while Greece is one of the smallest. The crisis has even spread to Cyprus, whose finance minister warned this week that his tiny Mediterranean country may become the fifth to ask for European Union bailout money.

The European debt crisis is expected to be a key agenda item at a summit of leaders from the Group of 20 major economies, who meet Monday and Tuesday in Mexico. European Union leaders hold their own summit the following week.

The crisis is a big concern in the U.S. because Europe is a key trading partner. American banks also have close ties with European financial institutions.

If the crisis still seems remote, check the recent hit that your investment portfolio may have taken. Growing risks in Europe are a key reason why a U.S. stock rally petered out more than two months ago. The Standard & Poor's 500 index is down more than 6 percent since April 2.

Money managers are watching closely. Below are outlooks from veteran market strategists on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

Middle-income family spends $235,000 to raise baby

WASHINGTON (AP)—For $235,000, you could indulge in a shiny new Ferrari—or raise a child for 17 years.

A government report released Thursday found that a middle-income family with a child born last year will spend about that much in child-related expenses from birth through age 17. That's a 3.5 percent increase from 2010.

The report from the Agriculture Department's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion said housing is the single largest expense, averaging about $70,500, or 30 percent of the total cost.

Families living in the urban Northeast tend to have the highest child-rearing expenses, followed by those in the urban West and the urban Midwest. Those living in the urban South and rural areas face the lowest costs.

The estimate also includes the cost of transportation, child care, education, food, clothing, health care and miscellaneous expenses.

The USDA has issued the report every year since 1960, when it estimated the cost of raising a child was just over $25,000 for middle-income families. That would be $191,720 today when adjusted for inflation.

Housing was also the largest expense in raising a child back in 1960. But the cost of child care for young children—negligible 50 years ago—is now the second largest expense as more moms work outside the home.

The report considers middle-income parents to be those with an income between $59,400 and $102,870. It says families that earn more can expect to spend more on their children.

The cost per child decreases as a family has more children. The report found that families with three or more children spend 22 percent less per child than those with two children. The savings result from hand-me-down clothes and toys, shared bedrooms and buying food in larger quantities.

EPA sets tighter standards for soot pollution

WASHINGTON (AP)—Responding to a lawsuit from 11 states, the Environmental Protection Agency is proposing new air quality standards to lower the amount of soot that can be released into the air.

The Obama administration, facing strong resistance from congressional Republicans and industry officials, had sought to delay the politically fraught rule until after the election, but was forced to act by a court order. Critics, including officials representing the oil and gas industry, refineries and manufacturers, complained that overly strict rules could hurt economic growth and lead to job losses.

Soot, made up of microscopic particles released from smokestacks, diesel trucks, wood-burning stoves and other sources, contributes to haze and can burrow into lungs. Breathing in soot can cause lung and heart problems.

Dr. Albert Rizzo, chairman of the board of the American Lung Association, said soot, also known as fine particle pollution, is a known killer. "The science is clear, and overwhelming evidence shows that particle pollution at levels currently labeled as officially `safe' causes heart attacks, strokes and asthma attacks," he said.

The long-delayed rule, to be made public on Friday, responds to a federal court order requiring the Obama administration to update air quality standards under the Clean Air Act. Administration officials described the rule to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because it has yet to be announced.

Eleven states, including New York and California, filed suit earlier this year to force a decision. The states and the American Lung Association say current standards jeopardize public health. Soot has been linked to thousands of premature deaths each year, as well as aggravation of respiratory illnesses, heart attacks and strokes.

An Obama administration official said the new rule was based on a rigorous scientific review. Virtually all counties in the United States would meet the proposed standard with no additional actions needed beyond compliance with current and proposed rules set by the EPA, the official said.

More than a dozen states, along with environmental groups, sued the EPA several years ago, contending that the Bush administration had ignored science and its own experts when it decided in 2006 not to lower the nearly decade-old annual standard for soot. The agency's own analysis found a lower standard recommended by scientific advisers would have prevented almost 2,000 premature deaths each year.

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Dueling speeches: Obama, Romney go at it in Ohio

CLEVELAND (AP)—President Barack Obama cast his reelection race against Republican Mitt Romney as the economic choice of a lifetime on Thursday, seeking to stir undecided voters and asking the nation to buy into his vision for four more years or face a return to the recession-era "mistakes of the past."

Said Romney: "Talk is cheap."

From opposite ends of Ohio, a state vital to both of their political futures, Romney and Obama dueled in economic speeches that set the tone for a fierce, final five months of debate. At the core, the pitches were the political foes' familiar, fundamentally different takes on how get to an economically aching nation soaring again.

"That's really what this election is about," Obama said in his most detailed case for a second term. "That's what is at stake right now. Everything else is just noise."

Romney went first from Cincinnati, a Republican stronghold in the state, and he described Obama's administration as the very "enemy" of people who create jobs.

"Look what's happened across this country," Romney said. "If you think things are going swimmingly, if you think the president's right when he said the private sector is doing fine, then he's the guy to vote for." But he questioned why anyone would do that, saying if the job isn't getting done, pick "someone who can do a better job."

The backdrop was Ohio, seen by political strategists as a state that could swing the election.

It went to Obama last time, and George W. Bush before that, and it remains crucial for both competitors this year—particularly Romney. No Republican has ever won the presidency without winning Ohio.

Romney gave what amounted to his standard speech, albeit realigned as a prebuttal as Obama was pulling into his event site at the top of the state. Given the tight presidential race and the enormous interest in the economy, the two speeches offered anticipation of a big campaign moment, but the substance yielded little new.

This was Obama in professor mode, filling his speech with budget numbers and history and talk of independent analysts. It was an economics case, yet hardly one of roaring rhetorical lift. The goal for Obama was not to uncork new proposals but to define a contrast. He is still pushing tax credits and other jobs ideas that have awaited action in Congress for months.

On Thursday, he said the election is an opportunity for voters to step in and "break the stalemate."

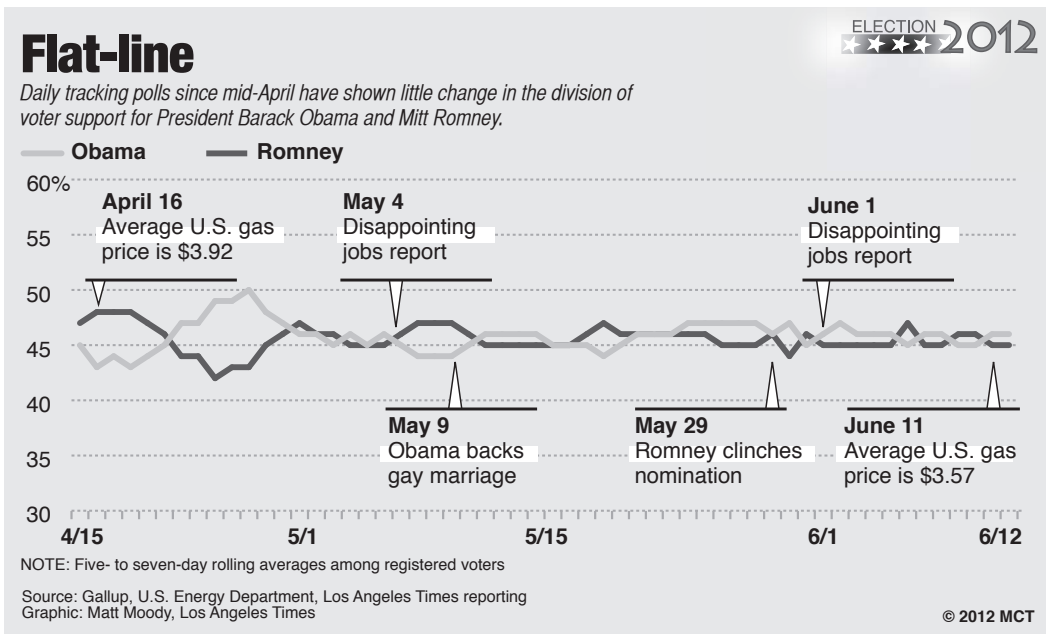
In essence, Obama said Romney would gut government and cut taxes for the rich at the expense of everyone else.

Romney said Obama is crushing the free market with regulation.

Obama said, "If you believe this economy grows best when everybody gets a fair shot and everybody does their fair share and everybody plays by the same set of rules, then I ask you to stand with me for a second term as president."

He made a concerted push for independent and undecided voters by pledging anew to work with anyone "who believes that we're in this together."

Despite what had seemed to be a speech showdown, the two events were not of the same scope.



Sandusky accuser: I screamed in vain from basement

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP)—The prosecution's case in Jerry Sandusky's sex abuse trial neared its conclusion on Thursday after just four days of testimony, with three more accusers taking the witness stand, including a young man who said the former Penn State assistant football coach raped him as a teen guest in Sandusky's home.

The eighth accuser to testify told jurors the abuse began with fondling and forced oral sex and led to several instances of rape in the basement of Sandusky's Centre County home, where he spent more than 100 nights and where his muffled screams went unanswered by Sandusky's wife, Dottie, who was upstairs. He said he figured the basement must be soundproof.

"He got real aggressive and just forced me into it," said the young man, now 18 and a recent high school graduate. "And I just went with it—there was no fighting against it."

He said under cross-examination by Sandusky lawyer Joe Amendola that the attacks sometimes left him bleeding but that he never sought medical attention.

"I just dealt with it," he said.

Another accuser told jurors Sandusky called himself the "tickle monster" before embracing him in a shower.

Also testifying was Anthony Sassano, an investigator with the attorney general's office, who disclosed that the office learned of a key witness, Mike McQueary, after an anonymous letter was sent to Centre County prosecutors.

Judge John Cleland told jurors there would be no court Friday and to return Monday.

The 18-year-old, described as Victim 9 in court records, became known to investigators after Sandusky was first arrested in November and his mother summoned police to their home. He said he didn't want to talk to them at first.

"Who would believe kids?" he said.

A few weeks later Sandusky was charged with two counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and other offenses in his case, among the most serious set of the 52 charges Sandusky has denied and is fighting.

A third accuser, known as Victim 3, was an Army National Guard soldier who testified Thursday that despite being fondled by Sandusky he had viewed him as a father figure and was crushed when he was sent to a group home and Sandusky never contacted him again.

"I would pray he would call me and maybe find a way to get me out of there," he said, "but it never happened." He testified that he felt uncomfortable when Sandusky touched his genitals in bed and he would roll over to prevent anything else from happening but that he didn't tell Sandusky not to get into bed with him.

"He made me feel like I was a part of something, like a family," the man said. "He gave me things that I hadn't had before."

AP

In this courtroom sketch, Judge John Cleland, seated at top, listens as Joseph McGettigan III, Pennsylvania senior deputy attorney general, seated foreground-center, questions Victim No. 4, not seen, during the first day of the child sexual abuse trial of former Penn State University assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, far right, at the Centre County Courthouse in Bellefonte, Pa., Monday, June 11, 2012.

ACROSS THE NATION

Blindfolded, bound children found at Kan. Walmart

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP)—A man and woman from suburban Chicago face felony child abuse and child endangerment charges after police said two of their five children were found blindfolded with their arms and legs bound in a Kansas Walmart parking lot. The jailed couple from Northlake, Ill., appeared in court by video Thursday in Lawrence in eastern Kansas. Bonds for both were set at $50,000. They were appointed public defenders, and preliminary hearings were scheduled for June 21. Their attorneys did not immediately return phone messages left for them Thursday evening, and a request for an interview with the couple at the jail was denied by the sheriff's office.

Ex-inmate: Reputed Klansman granted legal power

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—A black man says Edgar Ray Killen, a reputed Ku Klux Klan behind bars for the 1960s deaths of three civil rights workers in Mississippi, gave him power of attorney and land rights when they were both in prison together. But Killen's lawyer said the former inmate, James Stern, had no right to the property and Killen denies signing anything over to the man. Stern said at a news conference Thursday that Killen had given him power of attorney while they were in prison and he has taken control of 40 acres of Killen's land. Stern said he transferred the land last month to a nonprofit called Racial Reconciliation, which he controls, and would donate one acre to be used as a memorial site to the three civil rights workers.

Nationwide manhunt in progress for NY surgeon

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Surgeon Timothy Jorden saved the lives of patients with gunshot wounds, lived in big home by Lake Erie and owned four vehicles. He was a product of a working-class neighborhood who became an Army officer before coming home to earn his medical degree.

Now the healer is linked to a killing.

Police across the country were on the lookout Thursday for the 49-year-old trauma surgeon in connection with the shooting death of his ex-girlfriend in a building at the Buffalo hospital complex where they both worked. Police say the former Army weapons expert may be armed and should be considered dangerous.

"He was an excellent surgeon. He saved so many lives. For him to take one is unreal," said a stunned June DuPree, a neighbor of Jorden's in an exclusive cluster of homes on a lakefront bluff.

But she and others also said the affable and accomplished doctor seemed different lately—thinner, not quite as friendly and less meticulous about appearances. Friends of the victim, meanwhile, offered glimpses of a much darker side.

"I saw him at the beginning of the season and noticed how much weight he had lost," DuPree said. "He said, `Yeah, I lost a little bit.' But it was more than a little bit. It was a lot. He wasn't too friendly that time I saw him. He just didn't want to talk."

The search for Jorden began Wednesday morning when 33-year-old Jacqueline Wisniewski was found shot to death in a stairwell on the campus of the Erie County Medical Center. Police say she was shot four times.

Heather Shipley, a friend of Wisniewski, told WIVB-TV that Wisniewski feared Jorden and that he wouldn't let go after she left him because she believed he was having affairs with other women.

She said Wisniewski told her the doctor had put a GPS tracking device in her car and once held her captive in her home for a day and a half, wielding a knife.

"She told me if anything happened to her, that it was him," Shipley told the station.

Jorden had been involved in two domestic incidents in neighboring Cheektowaga in 2003, police Capt. James Speyer said. He said he couldn't release details but that the incidents did not involve Wisniewski.

Buffalo Police Commissioner Daniel Derenda on Thursday called Jorden "a person of interest" in the administrative assistant's death and said a nationwide alert had been issued advising police agencies that he was wanted for questioning. Officers combed through the grounds outside his home and for a second day, an Erie County Sheriff's helicopter circled overhead.

At one point, police dogs were seen near a ravine and neighbor Tom Wrzosek told The Associated Press he'd reported hearing a single shot around 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, which he initially dismissed.

"Then my girlfriend mentioned if he committed suicide, someone would have heard it," he said. "That kind of rang a bell."

Derenda said all of Jorden's vehicles were accounted for and investigators were certain he had not crossed the nearby border into Canada.

"He's out there somewhere," he said.

The search comes after a lifetime of achievement for the divorced father of a grown son.

Asia

China poised for most ambitious space mission yet

JIUQUAN, China (AP)—China will launch three astronauts, including a mother of one who flies transport planes, to live and work on a space station for about a week, a major step in its goal of becoming only the third nation with a permanent base orbiting Earth.

Liu Yang, a 34-year-old, volleyball-playing air force pilot, and two male colleagues will be launched Saturday in the Shenzhou 9 spacecraft that will dock with the bus-sized Tiangong 1 space module now orbiting 322 kilometers (200 miles) above the Earth.

Two of the astronauts will live and work inside the module to test its life-support systems while the third will remain in the capsule to deal with unexpected emergencies. State media have said the mission will last about 10 days before the astronauts travel back to Earth in the capsule that will land on the Western Chinese grasslands with the help of parachutes.

The official Xinhua News Agency announced Friday that Liu would be joined by male astronauts Jing Haipeng and Liu Wang and that the launch would take place at 6:37 p.m. (1237 GMT) Saturday.

Success in docking—and in living and working aboard the Tiangong 1—would smooth the way for more ambitious projects, such as sending a man to the moon, and add to China's international prestige in line with its growing economic prowess.

If completed, the mission will put China alongside the United States and Russia as the only countries to have independently maintained space stations, a huge boost to Beijing's ambitions of becoming a space power. It already is in the exclusive three-nation club to have launched a spacecraft with astronauts on its own.

The mission "demonstrates China's commitment to its long-term human spaceflight plan," said Joan Johnson-Freese, an expert on the Chinese space program at the U.S. Naval War College in Rhode Island.

She said its success "will demonstrate the technological capabilities requisite for a future permanent space station."

Still, that is some years away. The Tiangong 1 is only a prototype, and the plan is to eventually replace it with a permanent—and bigger—space station due for completion around 2020.

The permanent station will weigh about 60 tons, slightly smaller than NASA's Skylab of the 1970s and about one-sixth the size of the 16-nation International Space Station.

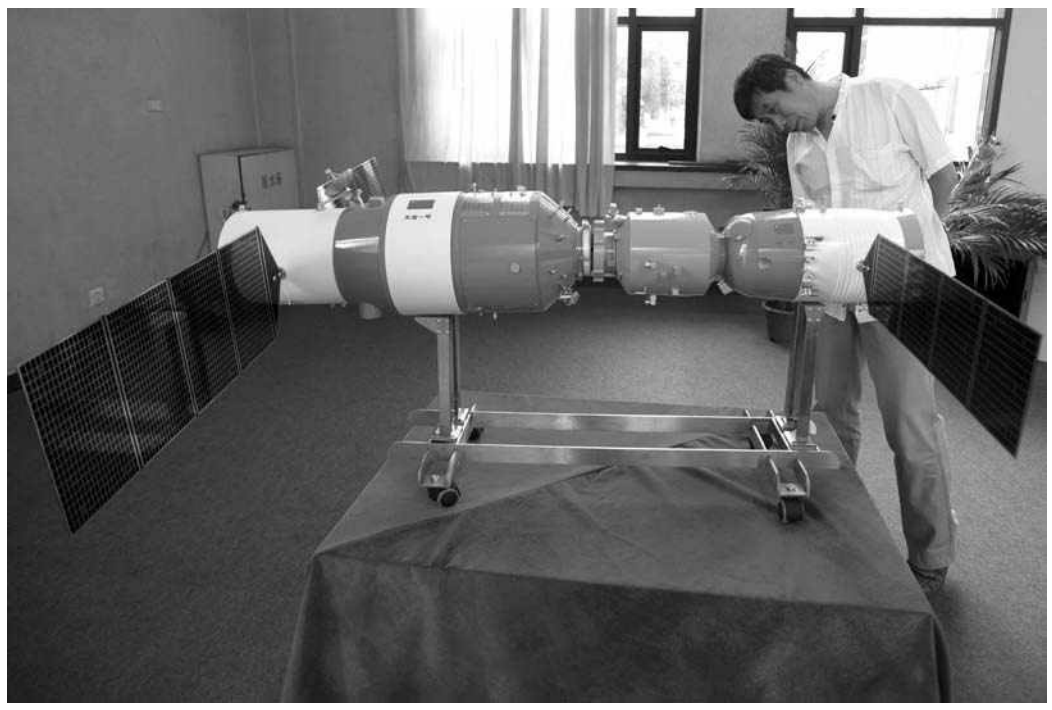
Analysts say China's exclusion from the ISS, largely on objections from the United States, was one of the key spurs for it to pursue an independent program 20 years ago, which reaches a high point with Saturday's launch.

The three astronauts will conduct scientific and engineering tasks on Tiangong, or Heavenly Palace, which was put into orbit in September.

Morris Jones, an Australian writer and space analyst, said they will also conduct experiments, likely including physiological tests on themselves, in anticipation of longer stays in future.

China first launched a man into space in 2003 followed by a two-man mission in 2005 and a three-man trip in 2008 that featured China's first space walk.

In November 2011, the unmanned Shenzhou 8, successfully docked with the Tiangong 1 by remote control—twice to show the durability of the system.



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A visitor looks at a display model of Shenzhou 8 spacecraft, right, docked with Tiangong-1 space laboratory module, left, at an exhibition in Beijing, China, Wednesday, June 13, 2012.

Exhausted Suu Kyi falls ill during news conference

BERN, Switzerland (AP)—A rock star welcome greeted Aung San Suu Kyi as she embarked on her first trip to Europe in 24 years. But after a whirlwind of standing ovations, speeches and receptions, it all became too much, and she fell ill Thursday during a news conference in Switzerland.

The 66-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate became sick shortly after saying how exhausted she was after her long trip from Asia to Europe, which brought her to Geneva late Wednesday night. It was not known how her apparent exhaustion would affect the rest of a tightly-packed schedule, which includes delivering her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech in Oslo on Saturday, 21 years after winning the award.

Suu Kyi looked pale as she took questions Thursday evening alongside Foreign Minister Didier Burkhalter in the Swiss capital of Bern. After a few minutes, she pressed a finger to her lips and motioned to an aide who rushed to her side with a bag. She then bent over and threw up before being escorted out of the room by officials.

A spokesman for the Swiss Foreign Ministry said Suu Kyi recovered enough to briefly attend a reception with government officials later but then retired to her room.

"She's just a bit tired," spokesman Jean-Marc Crevoisier told The Associated Press. "I would be, too, after the long day she's had."

Earlier, the woman who has become an icon for the democracy movement had blamed age and lack of travel for her tiredness.

"Having stayed in one place for so long, I found the plane journey out to the West extremely exhausting and a little bit disorienting because I couldn't adjust to the new time as quickly as I might have 24 years ago," Suu Kyi told reporters. "It may, of course, have something to do with age. It may have to do with lack of practice."

The United Nations in Geneva was the first stop of her two-week European tour. Her appearance at a U.N. labor conference—an unlikely venue for glitz and glamor—had starry-eyed functionaries reaching for their camera phones to snap a picture as Suu Kyi smiled and shook hands with well-wishers.

"You fill this room with the light of your spirit," said Juan Somavia, the ILO's director general.

The evening before, as Suu Kyi arrived at her hotel shortly before midnight after a long flight, spontaneous applause erupted in the lobby as the staff recognized their special guest.

Suu Kyi, who endured 15 years of house arrest and once feared permanent exile if she ever left Myanmar, has become the country's most electric ambassador.

During this trip, Suu Kyi is expected to lay out how her country has changed and what still needs to be done before it can be called a proper democracy. She also had planned to address both houses of Britain's parliament, receive an honorary doctorate from Oxford, attend a U2 concert in Dublin, and deliver in Oslo the acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize that she won in 1991.

Afghan neighbors join forces to tackle problems

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Afghanistan and regional heavyweights agreed Thursday to work together to fight terrorism and drug-trafficking and pursue economic development—a formidable agenda in a neighborhood fraught with power struggles and rivalries.

The Afghan government played host to 14 other countries in the region, a peculiar role for a nation at war for more than three decades.

The issues they discussed were not new. What is new is that these countries agreed to work as a team to solve common problems. The hope is that regional cooperation will build confidence and erode decades of mistrust. And that, in turn, could help foster stability and greater prosperity.

"Afghanistan recognizes out of a grim experience of the past that it is only in stability and harmony and peace in this region that Afghanistan can prosper and be stable," President Hamid Karzai said in his opening remarks.

The conference, held under heavy security in Kabul, was a follow-up to the first "Heart of Asia" meeting held in November in Istanbul.

Both sessions took place after the U.S.-led NATO coalition decided to end its combat mission in Afghanistan by the close of 2014. While that deadline likely hastened work to foster more regional cooperation, the meetings are more of a recognition that an unstable Afghanistan threatens the entire region.

"Whatever happens in Afghanistan affects us in one way or another," said Ahmet Davutoglu, foreign minister of Turkey and co-chairman of the event.

"In order to build confidence, one needs to commit to working together, to leave past negative memories behind and positively reconstruct future expectations."

The 15 nations that participated in the conference were: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan. Representatives of 15 other countries, most of them Western, and a dozen regional and international organizations also attended.

Rivalries abound.

Pakistan and India, for instance, have fought three major wars since the two were carved out of British India in 1947. India and Afghanistan recently signed a strategic partnership agreement, adding to concerns in Islamabad that New Delhi was increasing its influence on Pakistan's western flank. Iran feels threatened by any long-term presence of U.S. troops in Afghanistan and rivals Saudi Arabia for domination of the Persian Gulf.

Enhanced cooperation could also stall over an inability to find a political resolution to the Afghan war.

The Taliban have been willing to hold discussions with the United States but have rejected talks with the Afghan government—though Karzai insists that Taliban leaders have spoken with his government in private. The Taliban have announced their intent to open an office in Qatar. Karzai has backed that plan, but has been pushing Saudi Arabia as a venue for any possible talks.

Karzai announced at the conference that Salahuddin Rabbani, the head of the high peace council, would visit Saudi Arabia and Pakistan in the near future. Rabbani is the son of former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani, who was killed in September 2011 by a suicide bomber posing as a peace emissary from the Taliban.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Cambodia bans smoking at famed Angkor temples

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Cambodia is banning smoking at the Angkor temple archaeological site. A government official said Thursday the rule will promote the health and comfort of visitors and prevent forest fires. Tan Sambu said "No smoking" signs will be added and workers will help spread the word under the effort started Wednesday. He is vice secretary general of the Apsara Authority that manages the temples.

Activist slaying sparks riot in Indonesia's Papua

JAYAPURA, Indonesia (AP)—Rioting has erupted in the restive Indonesian province of Papua after a prominent independence activist was shot and killed by police. Police said dozens of angry people killed an onlooker from Java island and burned five shops, two cars and more than 20 motorbikes on Thursday. They say they've arrested three men and seized handmade bombs, arrows, machetes, documents and separatist flags. Papua police chief Maj. Gen. Bigman Lumban Tobing says police on Thursday shot and killed Mako Tabuni, the deputy chairman of the National Committee for West Papua. He says Tabuni grabbed a weapon from an officer who was trying to arrest him.

Report: Last fugitive nabbed in '95 Japan gassing

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese police Friday arrested the last fugitive suspected in a doomsday cult's deadly nerve gas attack on Tokyo subways 17 years ago, media reports said. Katsuya Takahashi, 54, a former member of Aum Shinrikyo cult, was arrested on suspicion of murder after being spotted at a comic book cafe in downtown Tokyo, Japan's public broadcaster NHK said. A cafe employee had recognized him and called police. Takahashi admitted who he was when approached by the police at the cafe, NHK said.

World

Smell of death greets UN monitors in Syrian town

BEIRUT (AP)—Smoldering buildings, looted shops, smashed cars and a strong stench of death greeted U.N. observers who entered the nearly deserted Syrian town of Haffa on Thursday, a day after President Bashar Assad's forces overran it as part of a major offensive to recover rebel-controlled territories.

The monitors had been trying to get into the town for a week after fears were raised that a brutal assault by regime forces was under way. They found the main hospital burned, state buildings and an office of the ruling Baath party in ruins and a corpse lying in the street.

"A strong stench of dead bodies was in the air," said Sausan Ghosheh, spokeswoman for the U.N. observers. She said there was still fighting in some pockets of the mountainous town in the seaside province of Latakia.

The number of casualties was unclear, Ghosheh said, and it appeared likely that, as in the past, bodies had been removed or buried before the U.N. mission got in.

The siege of Haffa, a Sunni-populated village, had become a focus of international concern because of fears the uprising against Assad is evolving into a sectarian civil war pitting his minority Alawite sect against the majority Sunnis and other groups. Recent mass killings in other Sunni-populated areas have fed those concerns.

The fighting, now mostly quelled in Haffa, was mirrored in other parts of Syria, where more than 40 civilians and opposition fighters were killed Thursday, according to activists, alongside more than a half-dozen Syrian forces.

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In this image made from amateur video released by Free Lattakia and accessed Tuesday, June 12, 2012, purports to show Syrians preventing U.N. observers from entering Haffa, Syria.

From the day's early hours, Syrian troops bombarded rebel-held areas with tanks, mortars and helicopters in the central town of Rastan, the Damascus suburb of Douma, the central city of Homs and the northern towns of Anadan and Hreitan, near the Turkish border, the activists said.

They said the fighting included clashes in the town of Hamuriya, near Damascus, that killed at least nine men who were allegedly butchered with knives. A video circulated by activists showed a pile of lifeless men, including one who was clearly slashed through the neck.

"Slaughter, slaughter!" a person could be heard screaming in the background. Another video showed a man lying in a garden, his arm blown off. There was no way to independently confirm the content of the videos because reporters are not allowed to work freely in Syria.

For more than a week, Syrian troops have been sweeping through villages and towns in Syria's northern, central, southern and seaside provinces, attacking rebel-held areas and opposition strongholds in what appears to be the largest offensive since an internationally-brokered cease-fire went into effect two months ago. The regime and the opposition have both largely ignored the April 12 truce.

The U.N. observers' description of the smoldering ruins they found in Haffa suggested Syrian forces were using intense force to quell rebels. But it also indicated the rebels were determined to smash all symbols of the hated Assad regime, including state institutions.

"Most government institutions, including the post office, were set on fire from inside," Ghosheh said in a statement. "Archives were burnt, stores were looted and set on fire."

She said homes were broken into, while the ruling Baath party headquarters was shelled, "and appeared to be the scene of heavy fighting." The observers also found remnants of heavy weapons scattered through the town; it was not clear who they belonged to. "The town appeared deserted," she said.

On Tuesday, the unarmed U.N. monitors were blocked from entering Haffa by a crowd of angry civilians, apparently residents of nearby Alawite villages, who hurled rocks and sticks at the mission's vehicles. But the Syrian government urged the observers to return after it announced Wednesday that pro-Assad forces had "cleansed" Haffa of "armed terrorist groups"—the regime's term for rebel fighters.

Egypt court dissolves Islamist-led parliament

CAIRO (AP)—Judges appointed by Hosni Mubarak dissolved the Islamist-dominated parliament Thursday and ruled his former prime minister eligible for the presidential runoff election this weekend—setting the stage for the military and remnants of the old regime to stay in power.

The politically charged rulings dealt a heavy blow to the fundamentalist Islamic Brotherhood, with one senior member calling the decisions a "full-fledged coup," and the group vowed to rally the public against Ahmed Shafiq, the last prime minister to serve under Mubarak.

The decision by the Supreme Constitutional Court effectively erased the tenuous progress from Egypt's troubled transition in the past year, leaving the country with no parliament and concentrating power even more firmly in the hands of the generals who took over from Mubarak.

Several hundred people gathered in Cairo's Tahrir Square after the rulings to denounce the action and rally against Shafiq, the presidential candidate seen by critics as a symbol of Mubarak's autocratic rule. But with no calls by the Brotherhood or other groups for massive demonstrations, the crowd did not grow.

Activists who engineered Egypt's uprising have long suspected that the generals would try to cling to power, explaining that after 60 years as the nation's single most dominant institution, the military would be reluctant to surrender its authority or leave its economic empire to civilian scrutiny.

Shafiq's rival in the Saturday-Sunday runoff, Mohammed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood, said he was unhappy about the rulings but accepted them.

"It is my duty as the future president of Egypt, God willing, to separate between the state's authorities and accept the rulings," the U.S.-trained engineer said in a television interview. Late Thursday, he told a news conference: "Millions will go to the ballot boxes on Saturday and Sunday to say `no' to the tyrants."

Senior Brotherhood leader and lawmaker Mohammed el-Beltagy was less diplomatic, saying the judges' action amounted to a "full-fledged coup."

"This is the Egypt that Shafiq and the military council want and which I will not accept no matter how dear the price is," he wrote on his Facebook page.

Equally blunt was another Brotherhood stalwart, lawmaker Subhi Saleh. "The court, I can say, has handed Egypt to the military council on a golden platter and free of charge too," he said.

In last year's parliamentary elections—Egypt's first democratic ones in generations—the Brotherhood became the biggest party in the legislature, with nearly half the seats, alongside more conservative Islamists who took another 20 percent. It is hoping to win the presidency as well.

The rulings, however, take away the Brotherhood's power base in parliament and boost Shafiq at a time when the Islamists are at sharp odds with a wide array of major forces, including the military, the judiciary and pro-democracy groups behind the uprising.

The court also derailed the broader transition to democracy, said rights activist Hossam Bahgat.

Argentina's president presses claim to Falklands

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Argentina's president took her country's claim to the Falkland Islands to the United Nations on Thursday, challenging Britain in a highly emotional speech to "act more intelligently" and sit down to talk about the future of the tiny archipelago.

President Cristina Fernandez chose to appear at the annual meeting of the little-known U.N. Decolonization Committee on the 30th anniversary of Britain's ouster of an Argentine invasion force from the Falklands, using the occasion to reiterate Argentina's opposition to any more wars and to criticize the British prime minister's decision to mark the day by flying the Falklands flag over his official 10 Downing Street residence.

"I felt shame from far away for them because wars are not to be celebrated or commemorated," she said, pointing to the hundreds of deaths in the 74-day conflict over the islands, which Argentina calls Las Malvinas.

While accusing Britain of abusing its power as a permanent member of the U.N. Security Council, lying about the islands' history and acting as "a bully," Fernandez also said she came to the U.N. "without any rancor."

"We're not asking for much," she said in the first-ever appearance at the committee by a head of state. "We're just asking to talk. ... We're not asking anyone to say `yes' the Malvinas are Argentina's."

Argentina claims Britain has illegally occupied the islands since 1833. Britain disputes Argentina's claim saying it ignores the wishes of the island's 3,000 residents who have expressed a desire to remain British. Argentina maintains that the residents do not have the unilateral right to decide what they want the islands to be.

While Fernandez swept into the conference room with a delegation of more than 90 Argentines including ministers and political opponents, the Falklands was represented by the two lawmakers and six young islanders. When Fernandez was introduced, she was applauded and after her lengthy speech she received sustained applause. After the Falklands representatives spoke, there was the usual silence.

Falklands legislator Roger Edwards accused Argentina of seeking to take away the rights of the islanders and subject them to "colonialism."

"Today all that we ask for is the right to determine our own future without the bullying tactics of a neighboring country," he said.

Edwards said he was certain a referendum next year will show decisively that the Falkland Islanders want to maintain their links with Britain.

WORLD BRIEFS

Kidnapping by Mexican police caught on video

MEXICO CITY (AP)—There it was on video: Five heavily armed policemen barge into a hotel in western Mexico before dawn and march out with three handcuffed men in underwear. But police weren't making an arrest. Prosecutors say they apparently were taking orders from criminals. Just hours after the three were seized, they were found asphyxiated and beaten to death. Mexicans have become inured to lurid tales of police collaboration with narcotics gangs during 5 1/2 years of a drug war that has cost more than 47,500 lives. But seldom can they actually see it occur, and the video broadcast on national television was a shocker.

Poland convicts 23 for soccer hooligan violence

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Nearly two dozen hooligans have been convicted in fast-track trials for their role in violent clashes when Poland and Russia faced off in an emotionally charged European Championship match earlier this week, court officials said Thursday. The trials in connection with Tuesday's disturbances are meant to show that Poland is serious about its policy of zero tolerance for violence as it co-hosts Euro 2012 with Ukraine. Fast-track trials are not unique to Poland. They have become common practices at other major tournaments like the World Cup. In preparation for Euro 2012, Poland changed parts of its criminal code to make the quick trials possible.

Youngstyle

Students get free cars for perfect attendance

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Jorge Marmolejo, 14, won the car that Petrie Auto Sales gave away, a 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse, May 25, 2012, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was one of the top ten perfect attendance students at Trimble Tech High School.

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Robert Petrie, left, congratulates Jorge Marmolejo, 14, who won the car that Petrie Auto Sales gave away, a 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse, May 25, 2012.

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

FORT WORTH, Texas—Jennifer Perez was handed the keys to a sleek new car after winning a giveaway program for perfect attendance. But she can't drive it.

Perez, 18, is feverishly working to get her driver's license so she can take the Dodge Challenger on the road.

"I was like, 'Oh, why didn't I do this before?'" said Perez, who just graduated from Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School.

So on Friday, when Perez joined three other teen winners at the Hurst, Texas, dealership that donated the cars, Perez's uncle got behind the wheel.

The car giveaways illustrate how far school districts will go to boost attendance, which results in more state funding and encourages top academic performance. Besides cars, students can get electronics and gift cards.

"We are trying to inspire kids to stay in school. Every kid is not going to have perfect attendance, but every child has a decision in the morning: Get my homework, figure out what I'm going to wear to school and get to school," said Ernie Horn, executive director of Score a Goal in the Classroom, a Fort Worth, Texas-based nonprofit that coordinates incentive programs for many school districts in North Texas.

But more than perfect attendance is rewarded. In the Fort Worth district, Paschal High School senior Robyn Sims was awarded a new Honda Civic LX from Frank Kent Honda for winning the Words for Wheels essay contest. Other finalists got prize packages that include a year of free oil changes, custom detailing and window tinting.

More than 250 students submitted essays.

"We're thrilled with the response to our first Words for Wheels contest," Corrie Watson, co-owner of Frank Kent Honda, said in a statement. "We've already begun planning to make next year's contest even bigger and better. It's our hope that this contest has a huge impact on not only the winner, but all of Fort Worth ISD's graduates and the community."

Score a Goal volunteers publicize the car giveaways to teens beginning in the summer, putting up posters at malls and making public service announcements. During the year, the cars are often displayed on campus to provide motivation, Horn said.

The rules for giveaway programs vary. Eligible students usually earn a chance to win for each six-week grading period without unexcused absences. In dramatic giveaway events near the end of the school year, qualifying students are given keys and take turns trying to unlock the car or start the engine.

In the Northwest district, 4,100 high schoolers gathered at Texas Motor Speedway on May 21 for a car giveaway that featured IndyCar driver James Hinchcliffe. Other finalists won Dell Inspiron laptops.

Sponsors and dealers pay for vehicle taxes, title transfer and licensing so the winning student only has to line up insurance before receiving the car, officials said.

Moritz Dealerships donated four cars for attendance giveaways to help young people, said Jim Hardick, general manager of Moritz of Fort Worth.

"It's just something we choose to do," Hardick said. "We wouldn't do it if we didn't think it helped. If it didn't, it's four cars and it looks good, but from what I'm told, it does have an impact."

It's hard to measure whether the car giveaways have improved student attendance, but anecdotal evidence suggests that they have helped reduce unexcused absences.

At Brewer High School in the White Settlement district, officials are still crunching attendance data for this year, Principal Lorimer Arendse said.

"Every year we've done this we've seen an increase in attendance and in perfect attendance," Arendse said. "Obviously, if a kid is not in school, they're not going to learn. We try to get them to see the value of coming to school."

The school worked with Texas Motors in White Settlement to offer a 2002 Ford Ranger truck to a student.

The winner, junior Jeffrey Osborne, said he doesn't mind that it's not new. The dealership detailed the truck so that it runs well and looks like new, he said.

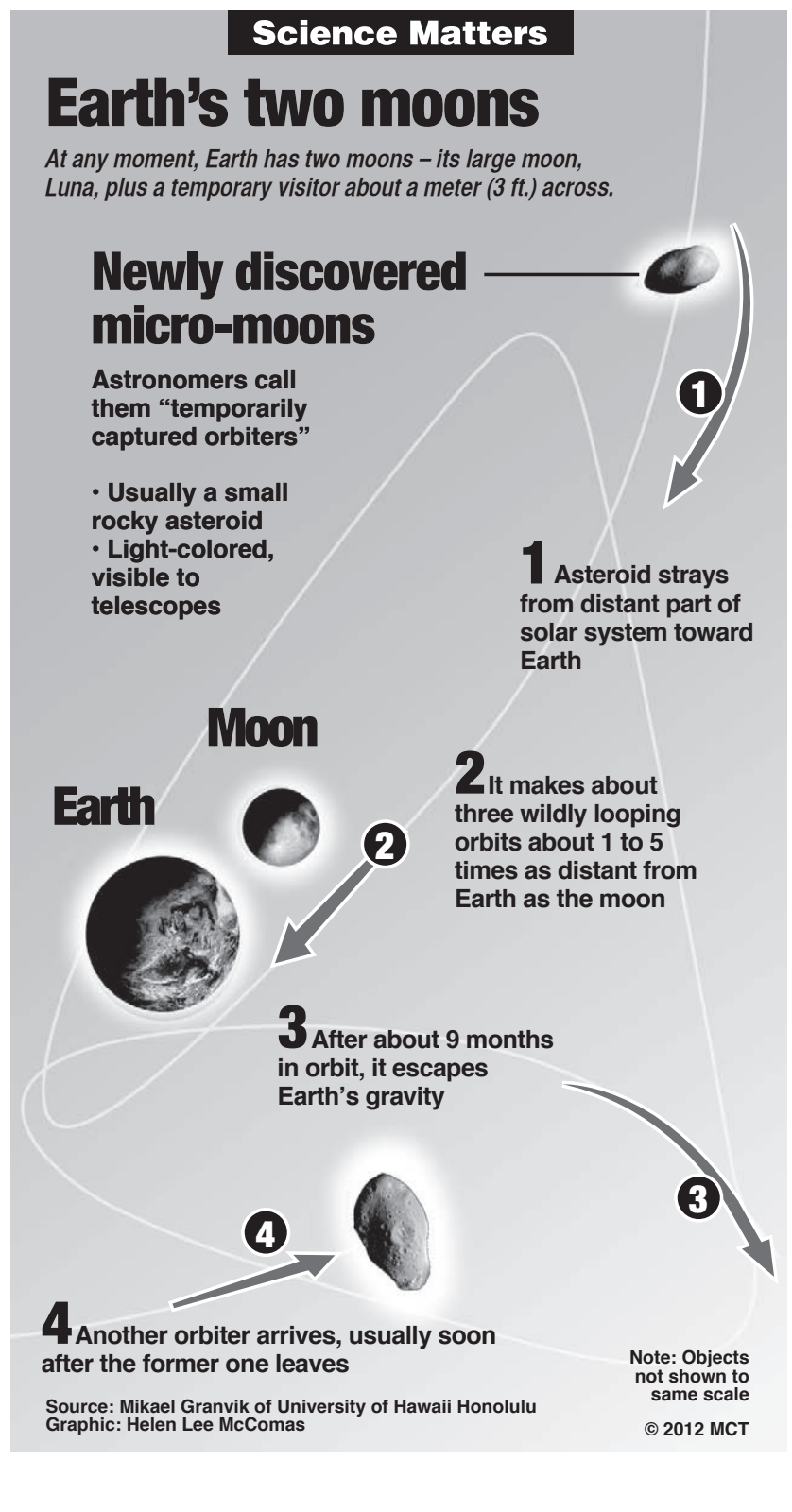
"I've been praying about it for a while because I just turned 18 a while ago and we're low on money," Osborne said. "If you ask me, it's a free car, so I don't really care."

He doesn't have a driver's license yet, either.

Science Matters

Earth's two moons

At any moment, Earth has two moons – its large moon, Luna, plus a temporary visitor about a meter (3 ft.) across.


Newly discovered micro-moons
Astronomers call them "temporarily captured orbiters"
• Usually a small rocky asteroid
• Light-colored, visible to telescopes
1 Asteroid strays from distant part of solar system toward Earth
Moon
Earth
2 It makes about three wildly looping orbits about 1 to 5 times as distant from Earth as the moon
3 After about 9 months in orbit, it escapes Earth's gravity
4 Another orbiter arrives, usually soon after the former one leaves
Note: Objects not shown to same scale
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Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

CHECK OUT! You are asked to insert a total of eight checkmarks in the diagram at right in such a manner that no two checks appear in the same horizontal or vertical row, or in either corner-to-corner diagonal.

Remember, eight checkmarks are to appear in all.

Patience will help, as will use of an eraser.

P.S.: Numbers shown at side are for identification purposes in answer below.

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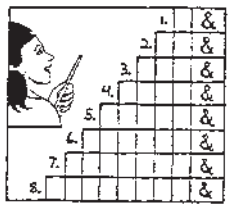


PUT & TAKE! Wish you could be more orderly? Hear the words of Mark Twain: "Have a _____ for everything and then keep it somewhere else; this is not advice, it is merely custom." Fill blank.

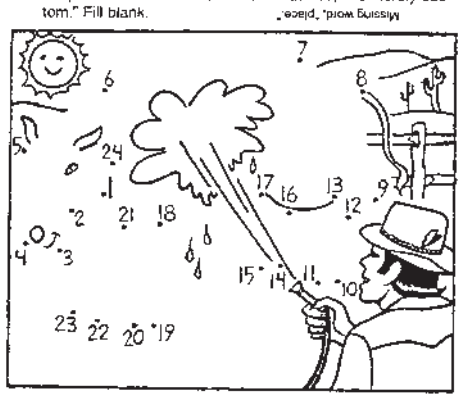
Missing word: "place."

SYMBOL WORDS & THEN SOME!

SYMBOLS displayed in panels above serve as stand-ins for the word AND. Thus, a four-letter word will complete the top row, a five-letter word will complete the second row, etc. Definitions:

1. Dune component.
2. Slang for $1,000.
3. A small chore of sorts.
4. Bad guy of old.
5. Connoisseur of good eating.
6. Heels over head gymnastic feat.
7. Smuggled goods.
8. Country also known as Helvetia.

1. Sand. 2. Grand. 3. Errand. 4. Brigand. 5. Gourmand. 6. Hardstand. 7. Contraband. 8. Switzerland.



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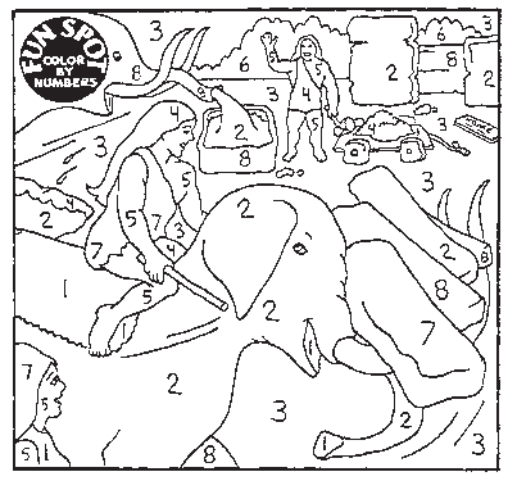

TUSK FORCE! Well, fancy that — mammoths doing mammoth tasks in the Stone Age. Colors: 1—Red. 2—Lt. purple. 3—Yellow. 4—Lt. brown. 5—Flesh. 6—Green. 7—Dk. brown. 8—Dk. purple.

SPELLBINDER

SCORE 10 points for using all the letters in the word below to form two complete words:

MERCIFUL

THEN score 2 points each for all words of four letters or more found among the letters.

Try to score at least 50 points.

Possible twosome: Cure, film.

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Confronting a rude dog-park denizen

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Our town has designated a small park near my home as a place where dogs are allowed. It's not an official dog park, and because it also has a playground at one corner, many of us who visit have agreed that, if children are present, our dogs will be on leashes so as not to cause a problem. We've found the best way to allow our dogs to run free is to show up very early, when kids aren't present. And we pick up after our dogs so the park remains a pleasant place for all.

But there's one person who doesn't respect this agreement. He lets his dog poop wherever and never picks up after it, brings his dog at all hours and lets it run off the leash when kids are around. Is there anything we can do to stop this?—Naomi in Newton, Mass.

DEAR NAOMI: Have you approached him directly? If he doesn't know that you and other fellow dog-owners have set up unwritten rules on managing the dogs' conduct, he won't know about the leash rule you've established. Remind him that it's good manners and common sense to pick up after his dog, particularly in a park where kids run and play. In many communities, it's a ticketable offense not to pick up after your dog.

If he ignores the request, make it again. Explain that the rules were put together in order to keep the park open to dogs—if there are too many complaints, the city could ban pets from the park. If you can't convince him, your group may have to form a more official club with written rules, in order to negotiate with both the city and boorish dog owners.

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Send your questions or tips to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was revered Chinese philosopher Confucius who made the following sage observation: "He who learns but does not think is lost. He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger."

■ If you ever have occasion to refer to an item that pertains to walnuts, it will be useful to have the word juglandaceous at your disposal.

■ It's well-known that the United States is a melting pot of nationalities. At the end of the 1800s, New York City was so diverse that it had more Irish than any city except Dublin, and a larger Russian population than was to be found at that time in the city of Kiev. The only two cities in the world that had more German speakers were Vienna and Berlin, and Milan and Naples had fewer Italians than New York.

■ If you're like the average American, you will eat 1.5 tons of food this year.

■ Beeswax candles are valued largely because they don't drip as other candles do, but they're also very durable. Archaeologists have found still-pliable beeswax candles in Egyptian tombs, and some have been recovered in good condition from sunken ships.

■ Iowa has the highest literacy rate in America.

■ In the grocery stores of today you might find a half-dozen varieties of apple, if you're lucky. In centuries past, though, there were more than 350 varieties that were grown just for the purpose of making cider.

■ When paper currency is no longer in good enough condition to be circulated, it can be shredded and used in products such as shingles and insulation. You may have cash on your roof!

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Thought for the Day: "Football isn't a contact sport, it's a collision sport. Dancing is a contact sport."—Vince Lombardi

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MAGIC MAZE ● INTERJECTIONS

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Dear Me	Golly	My word	Whew
Ditto	Holy cow	Oh boy	Whoa
Egads	Holy moly	Shucks	Yippee
Gee whiz	Jeepers	Whatever	

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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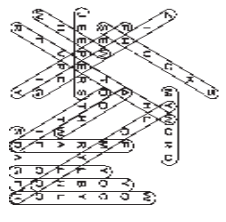

GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Plum buckle is easy, fresh summer recipe

by Donna Erickson

Bubbling sweet plums in a butter cake, often referred to as a buckle, is a tasty dessert treat to serve this holiday weekend and all summer long. It's my go-to summer recipe not only because it uses one of my favorite seasonal fruits, the luscious and beautiful plum, but it's also a piece of cake to make!

Look for ripe plums with your family at a roadside stand or at your local grocery store. While choosing the fruit, show your kids how to gently squeeze each one to find ripe choices. The fruit should give slightly when lightly pressed between your fingers. Young kids will have fun counting up at least five for this recipe, or let them weigh 1 1/2 pounds' worth. If there are several varieties to choose from, ask if you can taste samples.

When you return home, wash the fruit and gather all the ingredients. While you wait for the butter to come to room temperature, your school-age child may grate the lemon peel, and another may grease and flour the pan while you slice the plums.

Now everything will be ready to go together in a snap.

FRESH & EASY PLUM BUCKLE

Cake:

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup (1/2 pound) butter, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 large eggs
1 1/2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
1/3 cup milk
4 cups (about 1 1/2 pounds) unpeeled ripe plums, pitted and sliced 1/4 inch thick

Topping:

2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. Preheat oven to 325 F.

2. Mix together the flour, baking powder, nutmeg and salt in a bowl. Set aside.

3. Beat the butter and 1 cup sugar on high speed until smooth and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in grated lemon peel.

4. Stir half the flour mixture into the butter mixture. Add milk, and gently stir in remaining flour mixture just until the dry ingredients are moistened and the batter is smooth. Spoon into a buttered and floured 8-inch-square baking pan. Let kids arrange plum slices, slightly overlapping them in rows or concentric circles over the batter. Sprinkle topping over slices.

5. Bake 45 minutes or until a toothpick or skewer inserted in the center comes out clean. Let cool in pan. Slice and serve warm or at room temperature. Top with a flag on each piece for the Fourth of July, or with a candle or trinket for a summer birthday. Serves 10.

NOTE: Firm, ripe apricots can be substituted for plums.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Good Housekeeping

Women savor clean, organized room to call their own

By KRISTA JAHNKE
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DETROIT—Move over, man cave.

Make way for the woman cave? The craft den?

Perhaps there is no catchy moniker yet. But Birmingham, Mich.-based interior designer Michelle Mio says that more of her female clients are staking out a room or nook in their home just for them.

No husbands, kids or sticky fingers allowed.

Whether they are used for sewing, scrapbooking or just paying bills, the rooms women want are typically private, pretty and functional, Mio says.

"With the workload women carry at home, they need a space that is organized and one that they can call their own," Mio says. "It seems imperative with our clients to be able to find things in a moment's notice. A space that can accommodate anything from a kid's daily schedule to bill paying is growing in trend."

More than 80 years ago, writer Virginia Woolf penned the essay, "A Room of One's Own," about how women, especially those who want to practice a form of creativity, need a place to do it. In 2012, given the explosion of the handmade and creative arts movements, many women are finding that as true as ever.

Here, three women share the spaces they have taken over in their homes to fulfill their creative pursuits.

Alison Oleshansky, right, of Birmingham, Michigan, is among a trend of women decorating or reorganizing a room in their family's home that is totally for them. She obtained assistance with the design and feel of the room from professionals Michelle Mio, owner, left, and partner of Rariden Schumacher Mio Interiors based in Birmingham and their senior designer Dayna Rasschaert.

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CUSTOM-DESIGNED FOR SCRAPBOOKING

Alison Oleshansky, 38, of Birmingham, Mich., hired Mio and her design team from Rariden Schumacher Mio Interior Design to decorate her entire home. The space that presented a big question mark? Two adjoining closets in the basement.

Oleshansky didn't need them. And so her scrapbooking room was born.

The room features a few statement-makers. The floor is a glittery light pink. The back wall is dressed in a bright pink, large-scale damask print that's velvety to the touch. A light metallic wallpaper covers the other walls.

Four crystal chandeliers gleam from the ceiling and cast a pretty but bright light on the space; it's good for the creative work Oleshansky wants to do.

A waist-high, custom-made rolling table fills the middle of the room. Surrounded by four white leather bar stools with pink trim, it's the nerve center where the creative work happens. The table top—white and shimmery—is made of recycled materials, including bits of mirror.

"Everything sparkles," says Dayna Rasschaert, an interior designer who worked on the room.

The custom white cabinets and drawers—26 of them—provide room to organize everything.

"I love that I can have everything out and not have to box things up or spread them out on the floor in another room," says Oleshansky, who also works as a consultant for the scrapbooking supply company Creative Memories. "I just love it in here, it's so bright. It's a happy room."

Oleshansky says her kids, 11-year-old twins Sam and Talia, can pop in to do homework there. And her husband, Brad, is happy to give her her space.

"He has many spaces in the house for him, including an office," Oleshansky says. "For me to have a 10-by-10 space in the whole house, it's OK."

ROOM FOR PRETTY PACKAGES

When they bought their home in 2006, Mike and Elise Hindelang had no set purpose for the all-beige, dull-looking suite that makes up the entire third floor of their 1939-built French Colonial in Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.

But soon, a thought dawned on Elise Hindelang: She'd love a space devoted solely to gift wrapping.

"Otherwise I'd be wrapping gifts on the guest bed, making a mess," Hindelang, 32, says. "Here, I can make a mess and, if I need to, I can just shut the door and leave it there."

Over a two-month period, with some help from family, the Hindelangs turned the space into a lively light-green and soft-pink haven for stamping, wrapping and making bows. And they did it without breaking the bank, estimating that the entire renovation came in around $2,000.

A polka-dot wallpaper set the tone for the color scheme and design plan, says Hindelang, a mother of two. She also painted the ceiling and trim a crisp white and splurged on a $350 green-and-pink area rug from Pottery Barn Kids.

The rest of the room was completed in a thrifty manner: IKEA furniture and bins and baskets from places like Marshall's.

The couple made the craft table out of two IKEA nightstands, a door they salvaged from a previous home and a floor-model hutch that Elisa Hindelang spotted on clearance at Bombay Co.

She scored a turning display rack from a store going out of business, and uses it to hold her ribbon spools. A small metal table holds a variety of wrapping paper. Each bin and basket is labeled and organized—there's a home for pipe cleaners, poof balls, markers, stamps and more. An old spice rack now holds small baubles, sequins and buttons.

"It's fun and relaxing up here," says Hindelang. "Men have their spaces. You always hear about the man cave. My husband has a very nice office that's decorated just for him. It's nice to have a girl space too."

Elise Hindeland has created her own room in her home in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, February 7, 2012. She calls it her craft/wrapping room.

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FOR THE DEDICATED CRAFTER

Barb Witt has run a sewing business for eight years. She sells her handbags, wallets, pouches and more at shows locally and out of the Yellow Door Art Market in Berkley. So Witt certainly needed a room in her Roseville, Mich., home to stash her fabric and sewing machine.

Barb Witt looks through some of her hand-made zip up bags in her home-studio in Roseville, Michigan, February 9, 2012.

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But even if Excess Baggage, her business, didn't exist, Witt thinks she'd still need a studio to call her own.

"I don't know if I could justify it," the 33-year-old says. "But I'd certainly want it."

Her studio takes up the largest bedroom in her home as well as the neighboring closet, where she has a showcase of her finished products.

"I just love looking in here and seeing them all," she says.

The studio features a gray, green-yellow and turquoise color scheme. The floor is a high-gloss gray laminate from IKEA.

Along one long wall is a countertop with two desk spaces—one for her and one for her mother, who works for the business. Brightly colored bolts of fabric are stacked along one wall, and a bulletin board covered in bright fabric features bits of inspiration and memories.

A vintage sewing machine, a bright pink word 'Create,' and artwork from local artists add decorative touches to the room. Track lighting provides a nice glow.

"I'm in here every day," says Witt, who also homeschools her four children, ages 12, 10, 8 and 6. "It's just an outlet for me. It sparks the creative process to come in here, especially when it's as organized as can be."

Green gardening

By SAMANTHA MAZZOTTA
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Q: What are some ways that I can keep my garden environmentally friendly?—Tucker in Hartford, Conn.

A: A garden by itself is a great way to make a positive environmental impact, both beautifying your property and providing lots of fresh herbs and vegetables—so you don't have to make as many trips to the store to buy veggies that were trucked in. But there also are direct environmental issues concerning the care of a garden, such as the impact of chemical fertilizers and bug sprays. There are a number of ways to reduce this impact:

- Catch rainwater in a barrel to use in watering the lawn and garden: place the barrel underneath your home's downspout. A covered barrel will discourage mosquitoes from taking up residence.
- Build a compost pile to use as your main source of fertilizer and rich soil in the garden.
- Hand-weed the garden if possible. If you must use chemical weed-killer, use it exactly as directed on the package or bottle.
- Use the right amount of fertilizer recommended for the types of plants in your garden. Too much fertilizer can result in excess runoff into nearby streams or lakes, ecosystems that often are already stressed by lawn chemicals and fertilizers.
- Visit a local co-op, community farm or farmer's market to get information on organic and environmentally sustainable gardening. Classes or seminars are available in many cities for aspiring organic gardeners.

There's plenty of information out there, so head to the Internet and look around.

HOME TIP: A list of tips on organic and sustainable gardening, composting and more can be found at http://www.globalstewards.org/garden-ecotips.htm.

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GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

Pimiento-studded deviled eggs

These appetizers are festive and colorful, and can easily be made the day ahead. Simply spoon the yolk mixture into the whites for a more casual look, or use a decorating bag with a large star tube for a more formal look.

12 large eggs, hard-cooked and shelled

1/4 cup sliced pimientos, chopped

1/4 cup low-fat mayonnaise dressing

1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)

1/4 teaspoon salt

Fresh herb sprigs for garnish

1. Slice each egg lengthwise in half. Gently remove yolks and place in small bowl; with fork, finely mash yolks. Stir in pimientos, mayonnaise dressing, mustard, ground red pepper and salt until well mixed.

2. Place egg-white halves in 15 1/2-inch by 10 1/2-inch jellyroll pan lined with paper towels (to prevent eggs from rolling). Spoon yolk mixture into egg-white halves. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Serves 24.

Each serving: About 45 calories, 3g total fat (1g saturated), 107mg cholesterol, 100mg sodium, 1g carbohydrate, 3g protein.

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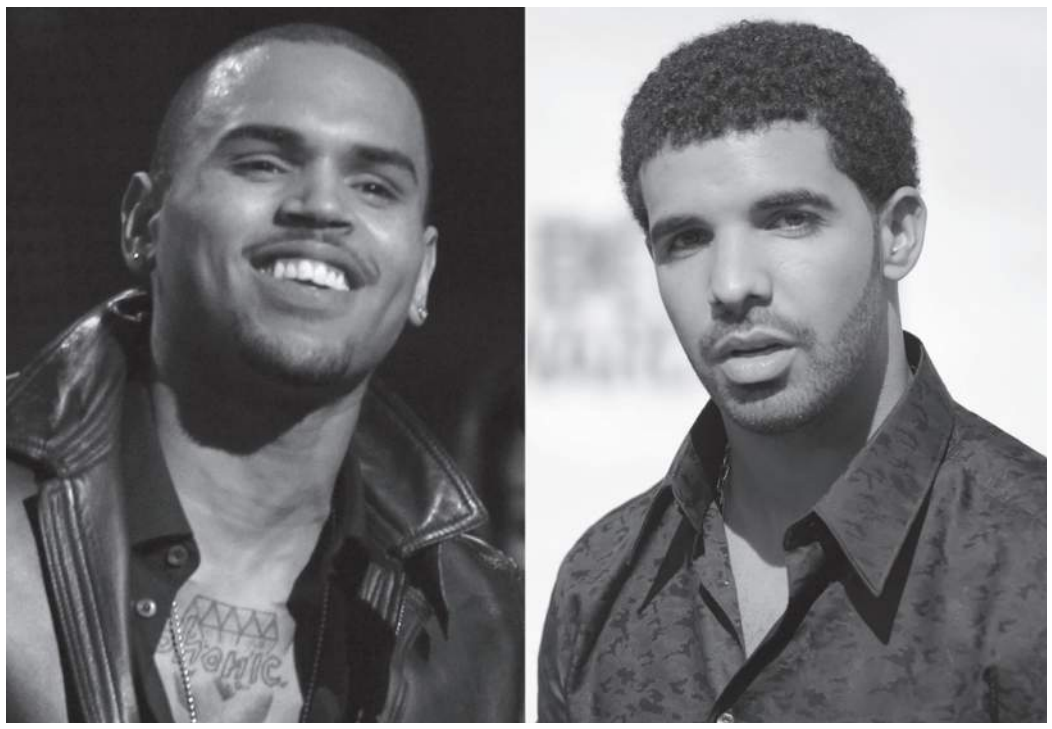
Life & Style

Brown, girlfriend and bodyguard injured in brawl

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Chris Brown, his girlfriend and his bodyguard were injured when a dance floor showdown with members of hip-hop star Drake's entourage turned into a bottle-hurling brawl earl Thursday at a nightclub, police said.



This combination of 2012 and 2011 file photos shows hip hop stars Chris Brown, left, and Drake. AP

Brown tweeted a photo of himself with a cut chin, then later removed it, as well as other messages about the fight, including epithets and taunts. A representative later released a statement saying the singer and his girlfriend, model Karrueche Tran, were victims of a "brutal attack."

A representative for Drake said the star was on his way out of the club when the altercation began.

"He did not engage in any activity which resulted in injury to person or damage to property," according to the statement.

Witnesses told police that two men approached Brown's table and asked him whether he had a problem with Drake, and he replied he did not. Later, as Brown was leaving the club, five men met blocked his way on the dance floor and started taking off their shirts and yelling, police said.

At some point during the face-off, bottles started flying. Chief NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said it's not clear whether the bottles were tossed by members of either entourage, or if bar patrons eager to egg on a dispute started throwing them.

Five bystanders, four women and a man, also suffered cuts during the fight at the club W.i.P. in Manhattan's SoHo neighborhood, police said. Brown's bodyguard suffered a more serious cut to the head, but all the victims were released from the hospital later Thursday.

Police were looking for surveillance footage and talking to patrons who witnessed the melee. No arrests have been made and no complaints filed, and no one has identified any one person as an assailant, police said.

"Chris and his party are cooperating with NY authorities who are pursuing this incident further," Brown's representatives said in a statement.

Neither star was on scene when police arrived around 4 a.m. Thursday. It's not clear what prompted the fight. Both Brown and Drake at one time dated singer Rihanna.

Brown spoke with police Thursday; Drake, who was scheduled to perform at Saratoga Springs Performing Arts Center Thursday night in upstate New York, said he was unable to and would do so at a more convenient time with his attorney.

Brown had a violent relationship with "Umbrella" singer Rihanna and is still on supervised probation for attacking her on the eve of the 2009 Grammy awards, leaving her with a split lip, a black eye and other injuries.

They are on good terms now; both performed at this year's Grammy awards and also recently debuted two songs featuring each other. Brown sings and raps on the remix of Rihanna's "Birthday Cake," and she appears on a new version of his song "Turn up the Music."

Police in Miami are investigating claims made in March by a 24-year-old woman that Brown snatched her cellphone outside a nightclub when she tried to photograph him.

Rihanna dated Drake very briefly after Brown, and has said they didn't last long in part because she was "too fragile" from the split.

She also recently collaborated with Drake on his hit "Take Care" and appeared in his video. Drake is one of rap's top-selling rappers, and his latest album, "Take Care," has sold about 1.8 million copies. He is also known for playing the character Jimmy Brooks on the TV show "Degrassi: The Next Generation."

Obama turns to NYC celebrities for campaign cash

NEW YORK (AP)—President Barack Obama soaked in the support—and the campaign cash—of Manhattan's elite entertainers Thursday as his re-election team sought to fill its fundraising coffers.

The president and first lady Michelle Obama made a rare joint fundraising appearance when they visited the home of actors Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick. The intimate dinner banked about $2 million, with 50 people paying $40,000 each.

The dinner was the Obama campaign's latest attempt to bank on celebrities for fundraising help in countering the growing donor enthusiasm from Republicans supporting Mitt Romney's presidential bid.

Speaking in a dimly lighted, art-filled room, Obama told supporters they would play a critical role in an election that would determine a vision for the nation's future.

"You're the tie-breaker," he said. "You're the ultimate arbiter of which direction this country goes."

Among the celebrities on hand to hear Obama's remarks were Oscar winner Meryl Streep, fashion designer Michael Kors and Vogue editor Anna Wintour, who moderated a private question-and-answer session between the president and the guests. Broderick, who was starring in a Broadway musical, was absent.

The president and Mrs. Obama were to appear at a second glitzy fundraiser in Manhattan Thursday night, headlined by a performance by singer Mariah Carey.

While Democrats have long held political and ideological ties to the TV and movie industry, the dynamic is different this time for Obama. His own celebrity has faded a bit after more than three years in the slog of governing, and some reliable donors have gotten so used to seeing him, they want more—like a real movie star.

Parker

What's more, Obama's team is getting outraised by Republicans in a new, free-wheeling environment, one in which wealthy donors can give unlimited amounts of money to outside political groups, known as super PACs, that can have huge sway over the presidential race.

As one counter-response, Obama is borrowing on the power of entertainers to give big bucks themselves and to encourage others to give what they can.

The strategy holds the potential for peril. It allows opponents to paint Obama as hobnobbing for dollars with middle-class angst riding high. The Republican Party lampooned Obama as tone deaf when his campaign promoted the Parker/Wintour event on the same day news broke of climbing unemployment.

Pressed about Obama's relationship with the stars, his spokesman, Jay Carney, fired back: "Two words. Donald Trump. Next question?" Romney has received fundraising help from Trump, the camera-finding real estate mogul whom Obama has dismissed as a carnival barker.

From Tinseltown to Broadway, Obama has surrounded himself with blockbuster names lately: George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Reese Witherspoon, Spike Lee, Will Smith, Oprah Winfrey, Ellen DeGeneres, Cher and many others who make more in one year than most people do in a lifetime.

Obama played basketball with a Batman (Clooney) and a Spiderman (Tobey Maguire), all in one game. He held a private chat in Los Angeles with some of the town's younger stars last week, including Jessica Alba and Jeremy Renner. He has had some of the most popular musicians in the business perform at his fundraisers, such as Alicia Keys, Cee Lo Green, Dave Matthews and the Foo Fighters. For his gig with Obama, Jon Bon Jovi even caught a ride on Air Force One.

In a tough economy, one way Obama tries to make it work is by raffling access for smaller donors, both to dinners with the president himself and to private affairs like the one at Parker's house.

Robin Hunt of Baltimore won an online contest to attend Thursday's dinner. She brought her mother, Elvita, a voter in North Carolina, a key election battleground state.

Jury sides with Costner in BP spill lawsuit

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A federal jury late Thursday rejected claims that Kevin Costner and his business partner duped fellow actor Stephen Baldwin and a friend out of millions of dollars from a BP contract for using oil cleanup devices in the aftermath of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill.

The panel deliberated for less than two hours before delivering the verdict in the lawsuit brought by Baldwin and his friend, Spyridon Contogouris Their lawyer had asked the eight-member jury to award the plaintiffs more than $17 million in damages.

The jury gave them nothing.

Costner, who smiled and shook his attorney's hand after the verdict, said he was grateful for the opportunity to clear his name.

"My name means more to me than money and that's why we didn't settle," he said shortly after the verdict.

Costner also praised the jury for "doing their best to understand everything" in a complex case.

"They were really smart, and it was my good luck that they saw the truth of the story," he said.

Contogouris and Baldwin sold their shares in Ocean Therapy Solutions for $1.4 million and $500,000, respectively. Baldwin testified he would have held out for much more if he had known BP had committed to ordering 32 oil-separating centrifuges.

They were trying to collect $17 million in damages because they estimate it's how much they would have received if they hadn't sold their shares in the company that marketed the centrifuges to BP before the oil giant made an $18 million deposit on a $52 million order.

Attorneys for Costner and Smith said Baldwin and Contogouris knew that BP was preparing to order the centrifuges when they sold their shares and walked away from the company rather than gamble for a more lucrative payout if BP signed a binding contract. At the time they sold their shares, BP only had signed a non-binding letter of intent, the defendants' attorneys said.

Baldwin referred questions about the verdict to his attorney, James Cobb.

AP

Kevin Costner arrives at Federal Court on Thursday, June 14, 2012 in New Orleans.

"We're disappointed. We thought we proved rather convincingly that these two guys, Mr. Costner and Mr. Smith, defrauded us," Cobb said. "The jury saw it a different way but we respect the jury's verdict."

Cobb also questioned whether celebrity was a factor in the outcome "because I believe we proved our case and because the bigger celebrity won."

Earlier Thursday, during the trial's closing arguments, Cobb told jurors they probably see the case as a "bunch of rich people fighting over money I'll never, ever see." Cobb, however, said his clients deserved to be compensated for being lied to by Costner and business partner Patrick Smith and defrauded out of their fair share of the BP money.

"I had no idea the spider's web of deception could be so pervasive and so hard to unravel," Cobb said.

Man files suit against Bristol Palin, TV network

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A Los Angeles man who launched an expletive-laden tirade against Sarah Palin's daughter, Bristol, has filed a lawsuit against the Lifetime Network alleging he was taped for her reality show without his knowledge or consent.

In a federal lawsuit filed Wednesday, Stephen Hanks seeks general and punitive damages, saying he's a victim of defamation and invasion of privacy after video aired of the heated confrontation.

Hanks alleges he wasn't told the film crew at a West Hollywood bar in September was shooting footage for the reality show "Bristol Palin: Life's a Tripp."

The show will follow the single mother for 14 half-hour episodes and begins airing next week.

In recently released video from the upcoming show, Hanks heckles Bristol Palin while watching her ride a mechanical bull at the bar, yelling out, "Your mother's a whore."

After Palin confronted the man over the insult, their conversation grew heated and he called the 21-year-old "white trash from Wasilla."

In the lawsuit, Hanks alleges that Palin also defamed him in a magazine and called him a homosexual.

On her blog, Palin complained about bullying when recalling the incident, saying "a guy started yelling at me and called my mom terrible names, but couldn't tell me one decent reason why he was filled with such hate."

Lifetime representatives declined comment on the case, saying they do not comment on pending litigation.

The show is set to premiere Tuesday at 10 p.m. EDT.

Al Pacino coming back to Broadway this fall

NEW YORK (AP)—Al Pacino is returning to the ugly world of real estate—he's revisiting "Glengarry Glen Ross" on Broadway this fall.

Producers said Thursday that the Oscar winner will play the role of Shelly Levene in a revival the marks the 30th anniversary of David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the backbiting world of salesmen.

Pacino, who played the role of Ricky Roma in a 1992 film version of the same play, was last on Broadway as Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice," earning a Tony nomination.

Previews of "Glengarry Glen Ross" will start on Oct. 16 at the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre and an opening night has been set for Nov. 11. This is the second revival of the play on Broadway and it will be directed by Daniel Sullivan, who directed Pacino in "The Merchant of Venice."

The play will have competition from a new Mamet play—his "The Anarchist co-starring Debra Winger and Patti LuPone will begin performances on Nov. 13. Mamet will be directing "The Anarchist."

Pacino, who starred as mob leader Michael Corleone in Francis Ford Coppola's "The Godfather" movies, won a best-actor Oscar for 1992's "Scent of a Woman." He has two Tonys, as featured actor in "Does a Tiger Wear a Necktie?" in 1969 and for lead actor in "The Basic Training of Pavlo Hummel" in 1977.

Pacino and Mamet most recently worked together on a Phil Spector biopic for HBO, which is to premiere next year. Pacino plays the famed music producer who was jailed after the slaying of a model. It was written and directed by Mamet.

Boy behind mask in Darth Vader car ad has surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The 7-year-old actor known as the boy behind the Darth Vader mask in a popular car commercial underwent open-heart surgery Thursday, hospital officials said.

The surgery to replace Max Page's pulmonary valve lasted two hours and took place without incident, according to the surgeon, Dr. Vaughn Starnes. The operation was done at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, where the boy was recovering in the cardiac intensive care unit.

Max, who plays Reed on the CBS soap opera "The Young and the Restless," was born with a congenital heart defect and has undergone multiple surgeries.

The valve used for Max will last about 15 years and won't require invasive surgery to replace it, according to the hospital. He was expected to be released in about five days, a hospital spokesman said.

He faces six to eight weeks of recovery.

AP

In this undated photo released by J&R, child actor, Max Page, who played little Darth Vader in Volkswagen's 2011 Super Bowl commercial, is shown.

Jennifer Page, his mother, said there's been an outpouring of support and kindness and that Max and the family welcome all "prayers and encouragement."

Max's parents and his younger brother, Els, were at the hospital with him. He was in good spirits the night before the operation, making everyone laugh, his father, Buck Page, said in a family statement.

"Max wanted to hold his brother's hand, and Max said to Els, `It's OK, I'm not scared.' He just wanted to hold our hands and his stuffed animals. He was much calmer than we were," Jennifer Page said.

BeBe Winans writing book on Whitney Houston

Winan

NEW YORK (AP)—Whitney Houston's mother isn't the only person writing a book on the superstar.

Gospel singer BeBe Winans—who sang at Houston's funeral—announced Thursday he has written "The Whitney I Knew," due out July 31.

The book promises what is described as "heart-breaking accounts that led to her ultimate defeat." It will also include photos and personal videos of the singer never released to the public.

Winans and his family knew Houston for years. His announcement comes as he prepares to release a new album, "America America" next week.

Houston died at 48 in February. Authorities called her death on an accident drowning, complicated by heart disease and cocaine use.

Earlier this month, it was announced that Houston's mother, Cissy, was writing a book due out next year.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Documents: R. Kelly owes nearly $5M in taxes

CHICAGO (AP)—R&B star R. Kelly, who last year saw his suburban Chicago mansion fall into foreclosure, now has the Internal Revenue Service at his door. The Chicago Sun-Times reports documents held by the Cook County Recorder of Deeds show the recording artist owes the IRS nearly $5 million in unpaid taxes. Kelly owes the money for taxes dating back as far as 2005. He paid $2.6 million in back taxes in 2008 and another $1 million last year, but the records show he still owes the federal government more than $4.8 million. A message seeking comment was left Thursday for Kelly spokesman Allan Mayer. The Sun-Times reports Mayer said last year that Kelly didn't have any serious financial troubles. The Grammy-winning singer was acquitted on child pornography charges in 2008.

Comedian Jerry Lewis released from NY hospital

NEW YORK (AP)—A publicist for Jerry Lewis says the 86-year-old comedian is resting at his hotel after spending two nights in a New York hospital. Lewis was hospitalized Tuesday due to low blood sugar after forgetting to eat or drink. Publicist Candi Cazau says Lewis was taken to the hospital as a precaution just before he was scheduled to receive an award from the Friars Club. He also was set to present Tom Cruise with the group's Entertainment Icon Award. Cazau said Thursday "all is well" with Lewis and he's preparing to return to work. She says Lewis is beginning three weeks of directing rehearsals for a new musical based on his 1963 film "The Nutty Professor."

Cosby to take final turn as Playboy Jazz Fest MC

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bill Cosby is retiring as master of ceremonies of the annual Playboy Jazz Festival after more than 30 years. This weekend's festival at the Hollywood Bowl will be his last turn at the show's helm. Cosby has been a fixture at the gathering of jazz luminaries since the first Los Angeles festival was held in 1979. Artists he's introduced over the years have ranged from Miles Davis to Lionel Hampton to Sarah Vaughan. Hugh Hefner says in a statement that Cosby's comedic talent and passion for jazz have made an immeasurable contribution to the success of the festival.

Woman must break silence about abuse to save sister

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I was molested for years by my brother and I never told anyone. It led to poor self-esteem, ruined the intimate side of my life and caused several other serious issues, including depression. I took the first chance I had to leave home and refuse to have contact with my brother. The problem is, I have a younger sister who I'm worried may now be in the same position.

I need to talk to her, but I'm not sure how. What do I say? Should I tell her what happened to me so she knows she is not alone and to stay away from him?

SCARED AND WORRIED IN ARIZONA

DEAR WORRIED: Talk to your sister about this as quickly as possible. Do it in person, and a way to start the conversation would be to ask if he has ever touched her inappropriately. Explain that it happened to you, because it may make it easier for her to tell you if she, too, has been molested. Since you are reluctant to talk to your parents about this, contact your local police department and ask to speak to an officer in the sex crimes division. It may set the wheels in motion to prevent your brother from continuing to prey on young women.

If you haven't had counseling to help you deal with what you have suffered, I hope you will consider it. There is also a group, Survivors of Incest Anonymous, a 12-step program that is open to individuals 18 and older who want to go from being victims to survivors. Its website is www.siawso.org. You might find talking with others who have experienced what you have to be both comforting and helpful.

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DEAR ABBY: I feel lost. I'll be 18 soon and for the past two years I have felt like my life is going nowhere and won't change. I haven't decided what I want to be, and I don't want to grow up. I'm afraid of the future and what it will be like to be on my own.

I don't know if anyone else has felt like this, or if it's just a part of growing up. When I was 12, I couldn't wait until I was 18 and on my own. Now I feel pressured and like I need to hurry and choose what I want to be. Please help me.

LOST IN VIRGINIA

DEAR LOST: Do you know where this pressure is coming from? It's coming from yourself. Years ago, high school students had to decide what they wanted to do for the rest of their lives because the workplace was different. People trained for jobs they would perform until they retired. That is no longer true. Workers today must remain flexible and willing to learn new skills because they may change jobs several times during their working lives.

Not all people have the same interests and aptitudes, so start thinking about subjects that you like. Visit the library and research how they can be applied. Your future isn't something to be afraid of -- it's something to be explored and enjoyed. You do not have to make any hasty decisions now.

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DEAR ABBY: We go to a lot of summer social events. Quite a few of them include a band. I love listening to music and being in a social setting. However, I do NOT enjoy dancing. It makes me feel uncomfortable and awkward. When I am asked to dance, I fumble around and make excuses. What can I say when asked, without sounding unfriendly or weird?

TWO LEFT FEET IN PASO ROBLES, CALIF.

DEAR TWO LEFT FEET: How about this: "Thank you for asking, but no. I'm not very good at it and it makes me uncomfortable. Would you like to sit down?"

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

BUH-URRRR
RRRRRRRP!
GOOD HEAVENS, CALVIN! WHAT DO YOU SAY AFTER THAT?!
GREAT DIAPHRAGM CONTROL. HUH?
SHE'LL BE SORRY WHEN I'M A FAMOUS SOLOIST FOR THE ORCHESTRA.
MAYBE SHE THINKS YOUR PITCH IS OFF.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WOW. THAT PARTY WAS CHAOS.
ALL THOSE LITTLE GIRLS CAN SURE RAISE A RUCKUS.
IF THE GOVERNMENT COULD CHANNEL IT, THEY COULD USE IT AS AN ACOUSTIC WEAPON.
SORT OF LIKE WHEN YOU PLAY THE BANJO.
HEE-HAW!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 "Great —!"
6 "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" composer
11 Woman's snug hat
12 Jong and Kane
14 Steve of the WWE
15 Steve of "The Jerk"
16 Edge
17 Bessemer material
19 U.N. workers' org.
20 Screen image
22 Day divs.
23 Acknowledge
24 Muddle with liquor
26 Fishermen
28 However
30 Moray, e.g.
31 Combination
35 Trunks
39 Unrivaled
40 Fond du —, Wis.
42 Garden intruder
43 Third degree?
44 Frank — Wright
46 Aye undoer
47 Steve of "Family Feud"
49 Steve of "Evan Almighty"
51 Just off the ocean's floor
52 Feudal lords
53 Buzzing instrument
54 Perfumery compound

DOWN
1 Floodgate
2 Carl Sagan topic
3 Autumn mo.
4 Not that
5 First extra inning
6 Legal possession of land
7 Kazakh river
8 Creme de cassis cocktail
9 Hardly idle
10 Tar
11 Antillean tribe member
13 "The — of Kilimanjaro"
18 Historic time
21 Aristocratic
23 Let
25 Yank
27 Understand
29 Fox hunt cry
31 Socially dominant
32 Punk rocker's coif, maybe
33 Tenor Bocelli
34 Long March leader
36 Break a promise
37 Caulking matter
38 Pastoral pieces
41 Washer phase
44 Toy block name
45 Speaker's spot
48 Namely (Abbr.)
50 Pensioned (Abbr.)

Solution time: 27 mins.

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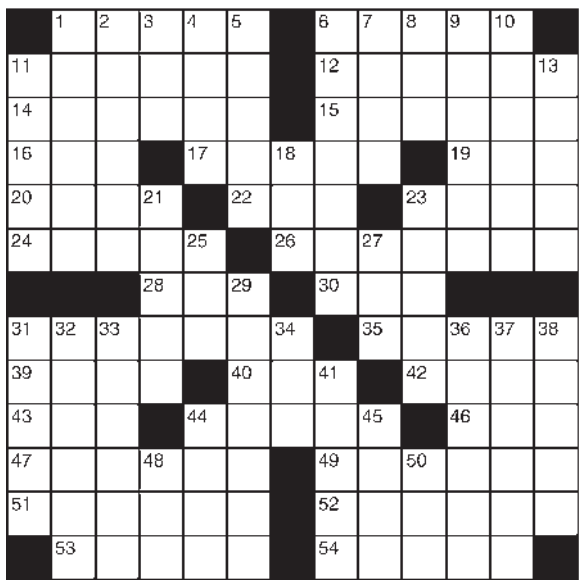
Yesterday's answer 6-16



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Keshia Chante, 24; Abby Elliott, 25; Eddie Cibrian, 39; Laurie Metcalf, 57.

Happy Birthday: Balance between your personal and professional life will be a must. Work from home if you can, in order to get ahead, make an impression on clients and nurture your personal relationships. It will be difficult to uncover facts. Using your intuition and refraining from impulsive action will be required. Your numbers are 4, 13, 16, 21, 28, 34, 40.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Tie up loose ends and you will have more time to enjoy the people, places and things that make you happy. Subtle changes at home will lead to greater efficiency and comfort. Reuniting with old friends will resurrect old goals. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Talk is cheap and can help you get what you want for less. Networking or dealing with peers will help clear up any misconception someone might have regarding you or what you do. Do whatever it takes to secure your position. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Listen; don't act on assumptions. Do your research, or you may end up feeling cheated. A relationship can affect your job if you aren't careful. Restrict consumption and take precautions to protect your health and wellness. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You will be blamed or put in an awkward position if you make assumptions or get involved in gossip. Take care of home and family matters. Minor injuries or mishaps can be prevented. Rely on your memory and experience. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Promote what you have to offer. The more you interact with people from different walks of life, the greater the interest will be in your current venture. Don't give anything away for free. Not everyone will be sincere. Get offers in writing. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Take the path of least resistance if you want to avoid criticism. Not everyone will have your best interests at heart, making it necessary to protect what you know and do from those looking to get something from you for nothing. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Strategize your next move to protect your assets from someone trying to take advantage of you. Love and commitment are highlighted, and sharing with someone who understands you will bring great comfort. Accept the inevitable and keep moving. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): A partnership or contract must be discussed with caution. Read between the lines in order to avoid hidden costs. Be creative and figure out what work you can do yourself before hiring someone to do it for you. Trust your intuition. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Follow your heart and make adjustments you feel are necessary to improve your life and enhance your relationship. Refrain from spending on something you know little about. For best results, stick to what and whom you know best. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Put more effort into learning something that can help you reach your goals. Your assets will grow if you take the initiative and do the work required on your own. Don't let someone you meet lead you astray with tales of grandeur. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't let emotions limit what you can accomplish. Embrace responsibility and you will make a good impression on someone you want in your life. Love is in the stars, and being open about your intentions will lead to a good relationship. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You'll need to call upon memory and experience to help you out. Not everyone will be honest regarding motives and intent. Listen, observe and assess what's unfolding, but don't commit to anything without proper representation. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are spontaneous, aggressive and productive. You are determined and set in your ways.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/16

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 6/15

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

TOMORROW IS FATHER'S DAY **Solution: 7 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Experiment

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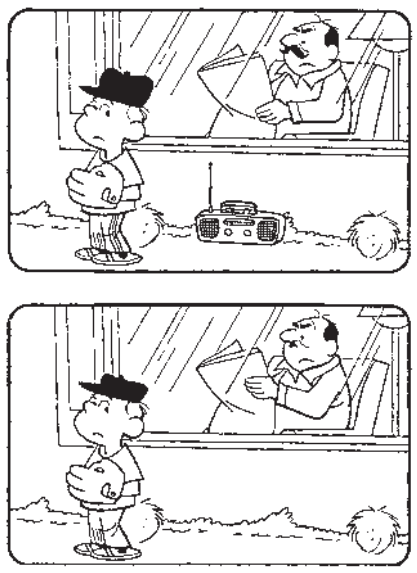

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

Answers: 1. Dad is smaller. 2. Trailer stripe is missing. 3. Radio is missing. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Mailbox is different. 6. Lamp's different.

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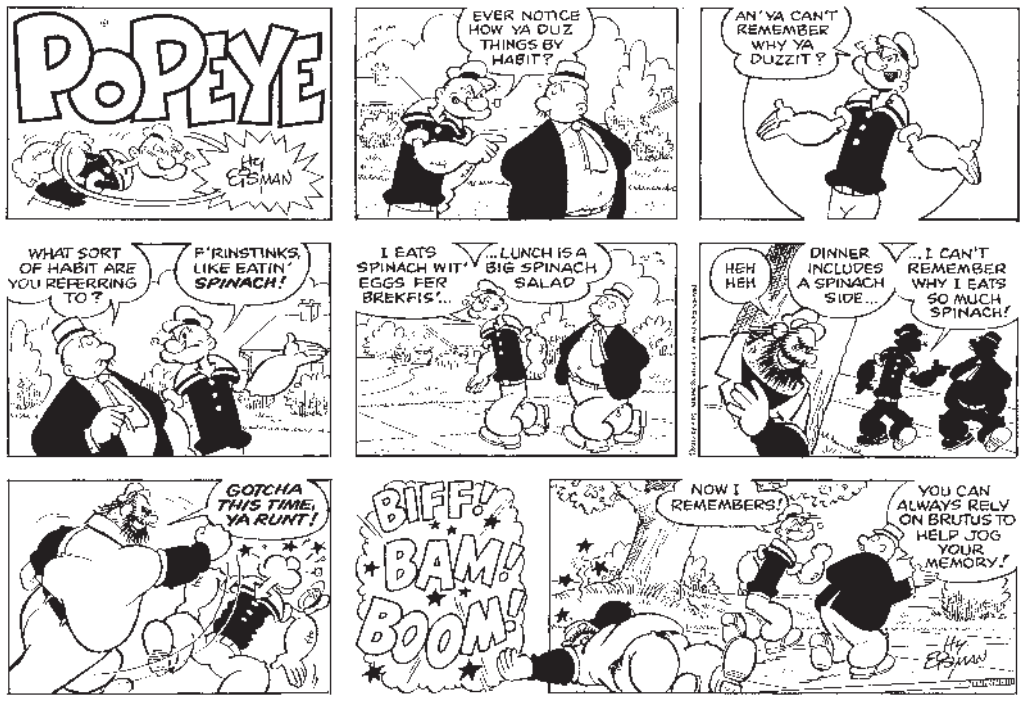
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I EATS SPINACH WIT' EGGS FER BREKFIS'...
LUNCH IS A BIG SPINACH SALAD
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DINNER INCLUDES A SPINACH SIDE...
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHY I EATS SO MUCH SPINACH!
GOTCHA THIS TIME, YA RUNT!
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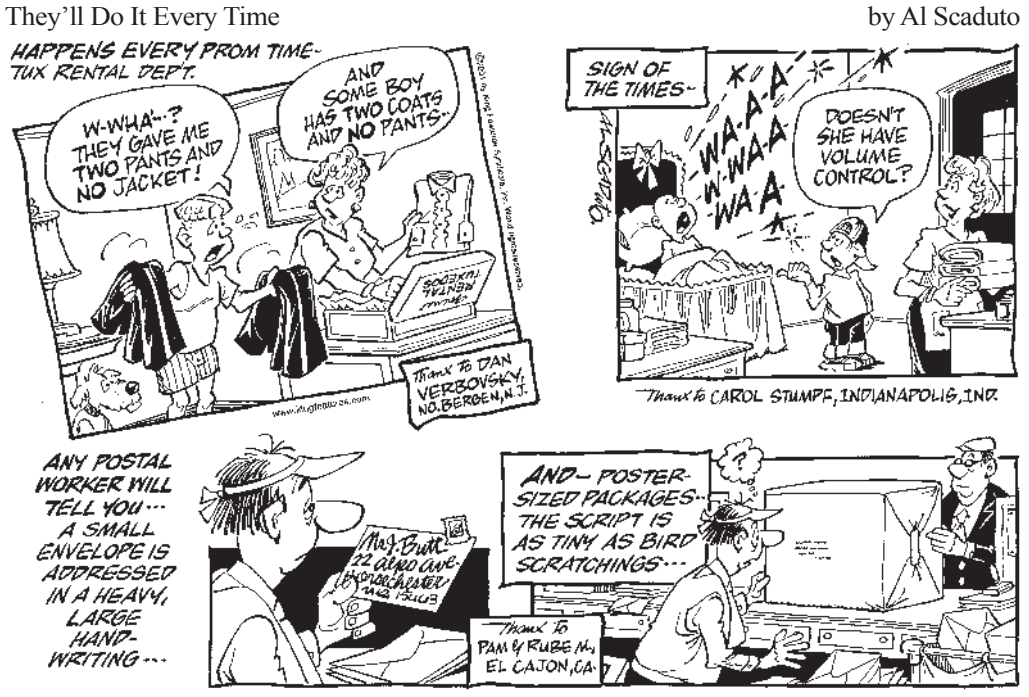
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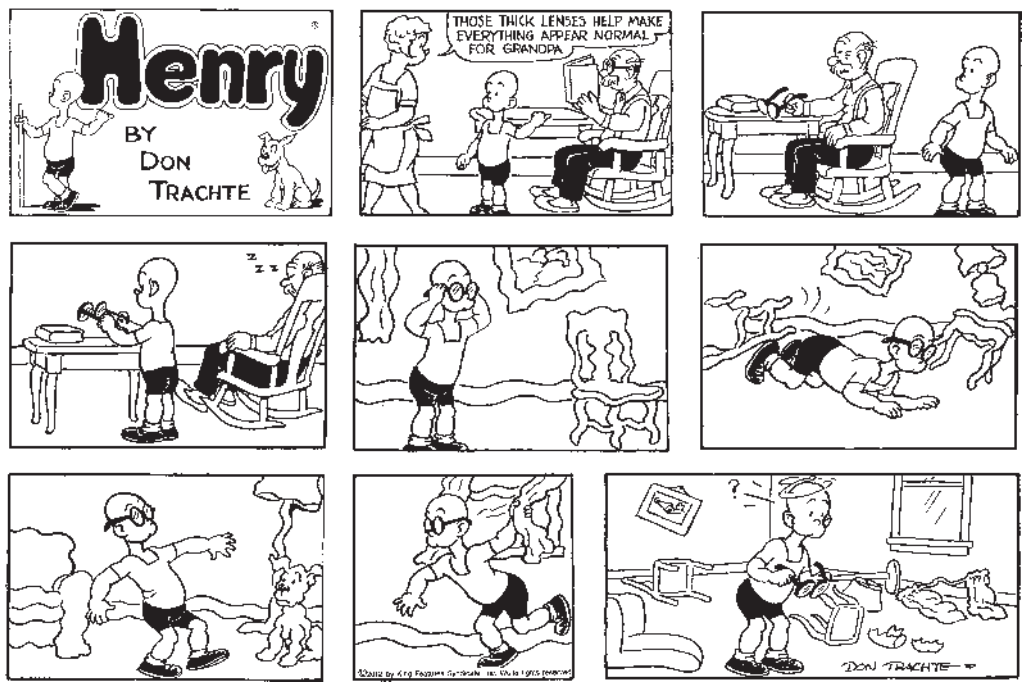

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1 Voucher
5 Plane place
11 Big bargain
16 "Major Barbara" monogram
19 Clair or Coty
20 Swimmer Gertrude
21 Garrulous
22 School subject
23 "Bus Stop" playwright
24 Peter O'Toole film
27 Medal material
29 Pine product
30 Incongruous state
31 Command to Fido
32 Eventually
37 Where the buoys are
39 Glaze
40 Judy Davis film
43 Jury member
46 Mr. Miyagi's forte
47 Emcee's site
48 Spigot
51 Kindred
54 Aussie rockers
55 Plant disease
56 What a feller needs
57 In-your-face item
58 Dancer Jose
60 Pamphlet
63 Floor covering
64 Hoarder
66 Taxing time?
68 "I Love a Parade" composer
69 Gregory Peck film
74 Jeweler's weight
76 Exodus figure
77 "— Butterfly" ('66 hit)
80 Ken of "Hill Street Blues"
81 Conductor's concern
83 Endangered herbivore
85 Solidify
86 In error
87 Twisted
88 Way over yonder
90 Little laugh
92 Kyser or Starr
93 Rushes
95 Giza god
97 Raison d'—
98 Bob Hope film
102 On — (doing great)
104 Down meas.
105 Clone
106 A Bobbsey twin
109 Intense
110 — Claire, WI
112 "Blueberry Hill" singer
114 Jane Fonda film
122 Leave out
123 Fireworks reaction
124 Gives the green light
125 Pageant props
126 Misplace
127 Neighbor of Ger.
128 Actress Davis
129 Least conventional
130 — -in-the-wool

DOWN

1 Corn holders
2 Matisse or Rousseau
3 Gold brick?
4 "— Wolf" ('85 film)
5 Montana's capital
6 Periodontists' org.
7 Contemporary
8 "Don't touch my bone!"
9 Ginger —
10 Dollars for quarters
11 Audiophile's equipment
12 Eastern "Way"
13 Wee one
14 "America's Most Wanted" abbr.
15 Ira Gershwin, for one
16 Libreville's land
17 Escort
18 Command to Fido
25 Immobile class
26 "La Rondine" rendition
28 Energy
33 "For shame!"
34 Albeniz or Asimov
35 Peripatetic Polo
36 "Gracious me!"
38 Pitch in
39 Numskull
40 Onassis' nickname
41 Catchall abbr.
42 DEA officer
43 Theatrical Joseph
44 Literary pseudonym
45 Thrill
48 Motorcycle feature
49 Wagon part
50 Hammer head
52 Marsh sight
53 Olive —
59 Monty's milieu
60 '82 Jeff Bridges film
61 Volcano part
62 Clerical garb
63 Baseball's Speaker
65 Genghis —
66 Curly coif
67 Supportive of
68 Blue hue
70 Tasty tuber
71 Weaken
72 Agt.
73 Got off
74 Quiche creator
75 — Romeo
78 Swerve
79 Gen. Robt. —
81 Experiment
82 Checked out
83 "Scent of a Woman" dance
84 Chilean pianist
87 Without reservation
88 Bonaparte's buddy
89 Ward (off)
91 Shoe width
94 Farm feature
95 Examine
96 PD alert
98 Coll. brass
99 Forsyth's "The — File"
100 Firstborn
101 Rock's — Speedwagon
102 Blessed sound?
103 Mercedes of "The Fisher King"
106 Shatner co-star
107 Absinthe ingredient
108 Famous
109 Perched on
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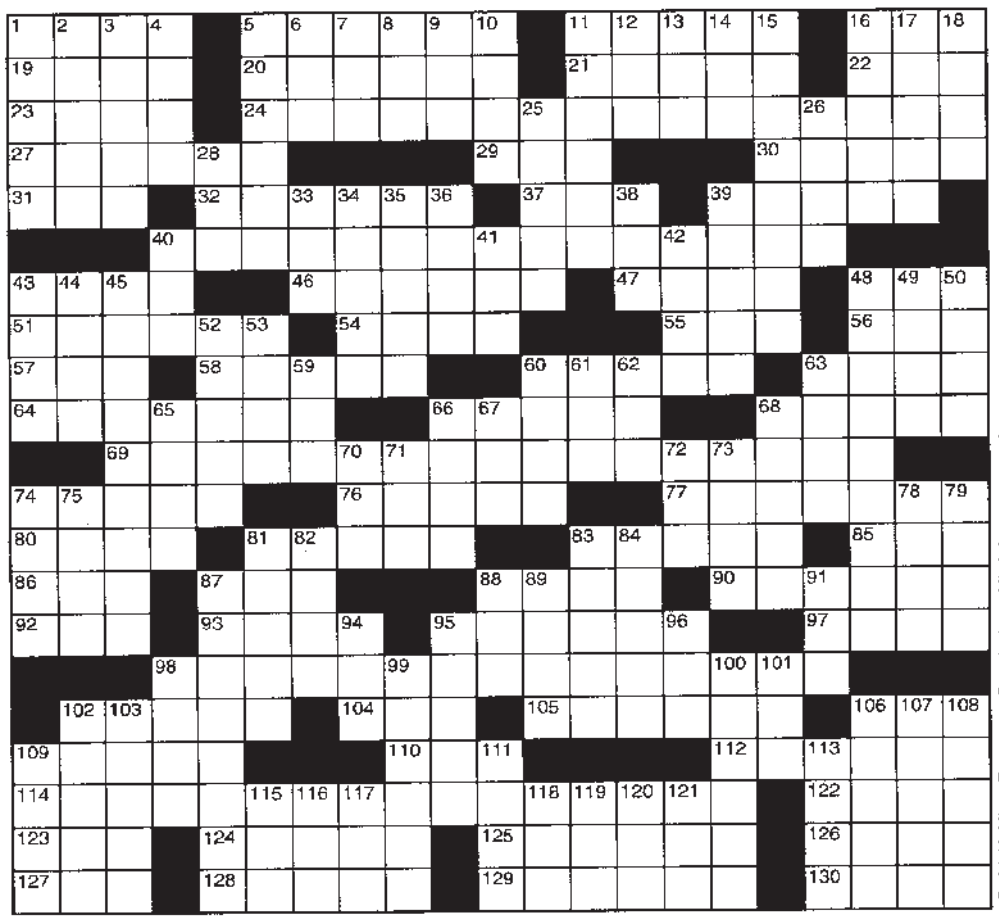

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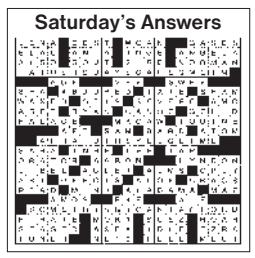
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. CURRENCY: What is the image that appears opposite of Andrew Jackson on a $20 U.S. bill?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of India to local residents?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What disease is caused by the bacteria "Yersinia pestis"?
4. COMICS: What comic-book series featured Green Goblin as a villain?
5. BOARD GAMES: If you have to go directly to jail in "Monopoly," what two things are you told NOT to do?
6. MUSIC: In what year did Elvis Presley make his first national television appearance in the U.S.?
7. LITERATURE: What was the title of Dr. Seuss's last book?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What are the main ingredients of vichyssoise?
9. MOVIES: What town was the setting for the movie "It's a Wonderful Life"?
10. ANATOMY: What is the function of the amygdala in the human body?

Answers

1. The White House
2. Bharat
3. Plague
4. "Spider-Man"
5. Do not pass Go, and do not collect $200
6. 1956 ("The Dorsey Brothers Stage Show")
7. "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"
8. Potatoes and leeks
9. Bedford Falls
10. Processes fear and emotional responses

Saturday's Answers



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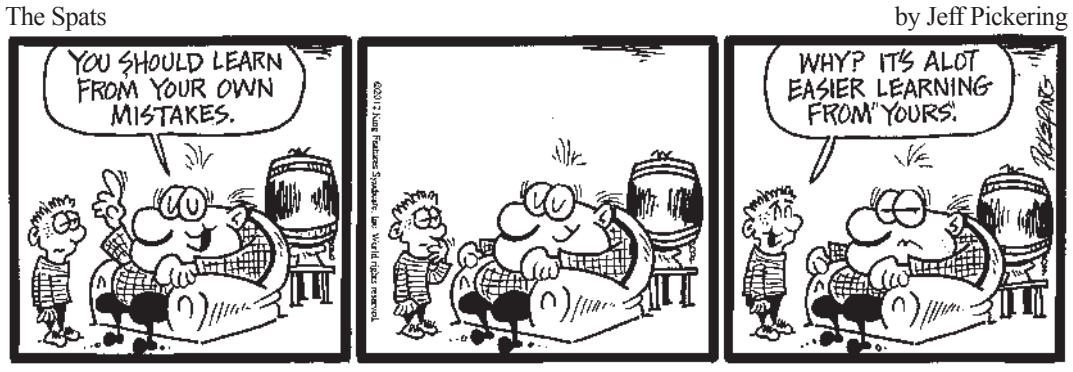
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Emma Valles Pagarao Respondent	)	**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

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Heat survive Thunder rally for 100-96 win

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—LeBron James has seen his share of great starts turn into faulty finishes.

So with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh providing the help he needed, he wasn't letting another one get away Thursday night.

James scored 32 points, got a disputed big stop on Kevin Durant and the Miami Heat held off a furious fourth-quarter rally behind their three All-Stars to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 100-96, tying the NBA Finals at one game apiece.

"We had played too well in the first 36 minutes to try to let this one slip away from us," James said. "We just wanted to make one more, two more plays than they made and come out with a victory and we were able to do that."

Wade rebounded from a poor opener to add 24 points and Bosh had 16 points and 15 rebounds in his return to the starting lineup for the Heat, who snapped a four-game finals losing streak with their first victory since Game 3 against Dallas last year.

"It's been so long since we've had them all together," Heat forward Shane Battier said. "They played like the All-Stars that they are and that's the effort that we need."

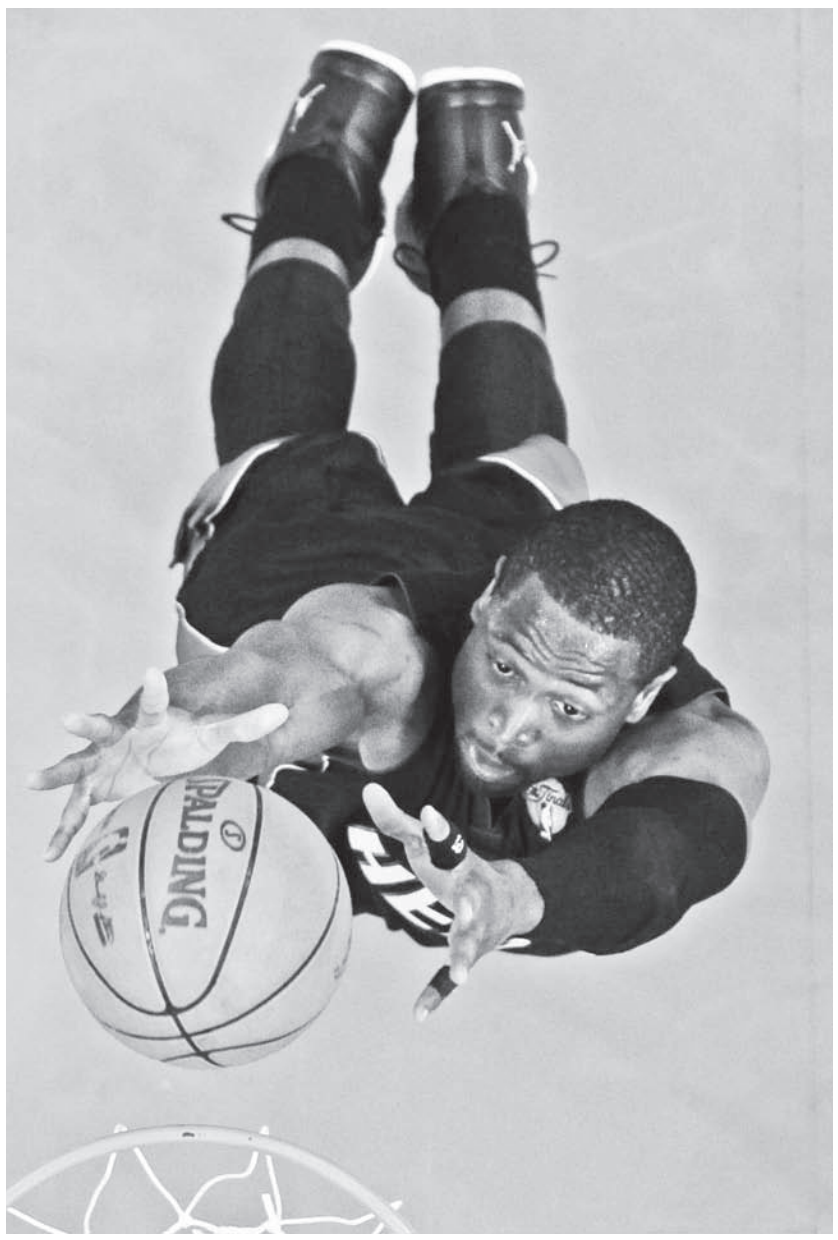
Now they go home to host Game 3 on Sunday and the next two after that, knowing they don't have to hear the noisy Thunder fans again—not to mention all their critics—if they win all three.

Miami blew a 13-point lead in Game 1 and seemed headed toward a repeat of the second game of the finals last year, when it blew a 15-point edge on its home floor.

Not this time.

"This is a good team and we didn't want to be down 2-0," Bosh said. "We know in order to accomplish our goal, we have to win on the road. We're a good road team. We've done it before. They posed a great challenge because they haven't lost up until today. But we felt that we let one get away and we felt that we could play a much, much better game in Game 2."

Durant scored 32 points for the Thunder, but missed a short jumper with 9.9 seconds left after appearing to be bumped by James. The basket would have tied a game the Thunder trailed the entire way.



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Miami Heat shooting guard Dwyane Wade (3) shoots against the Oklahoma City Thunder during the second half at Game 2 of the NBA finals basketball series, Thursday, June 14, 2012, in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma City's explosive point guard Russell Westbrook finished with 27 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, but shot 10 of 26 from the field.

James Harden tried to keep the Thunder in it early and finished with 21 points, but this time the Thunder couldn't come back from a double-digit deficit after spotting Miami a 17-point advantage during their worst first half of the season.

"That was the game. We can't start off down 18-2," Durant said. "We can't go down that much, especially at home. We've got to correct it."

It was the first home loss in 10 postseason games for the Thunder, who had overcome a 13-point deficit in Game 1.

James had what was his career high, 30 points, in the opener, but afterward said Wade needed to be Wade—All-Star, Olympic gold medalist and finals MVP.

In Game 1, Wade was 7 of 19. He wasn't sharp in the last round and continues to hear reports that something is physically wrong with him. He was all but asked Wednesday if his explosiveness was a thing of the past, what must have been insulting to a player who, though 30, still believes he's not far from the top of the game.

Wade bounced back in a big way, not quite at the level he was as the 2006 finals MVP, but certainly good enough with the help around him now for the Heat to win another one.

"Just know that I'm always going to keep coming back until I don't play this game no more," Wade said. "I know my abilities, I know what I'm capable of and it was good."

He spun into the lane and found Bosh for a dunk that seemed to have the Heat safe at 98-91 inside the final minute, but a 3-pointer by Durant cut it to 98-96 with 37 seconds left. After James missed a 3-pointer, the Thunder got the ball into Durant, who appeared to be knocked off balance by James as he missed the baseline shot attempt.

Durant said only that he missed the shot, saying he would have to watch the tape to see if he was fouled.

James then sank the insurance free throws—finishing a 12-for-12 night at the line—as fans booed loudly over the no-call.

Bosh started after coming off the bench in every game since returning late last round from his nine-game absence with a strained lower abdominal muscle. The Big Three joined Battier and Mario Chalmers in the lineup, the first time Miami had gone with that first five all season.

It sent the Heat on their way to a terrific start, and Battier matched his surprising 17-point performance in Game 1 by going 5 of 7 from 3-point range, providing all the help the superstar trio needed.

James had his fifth straight 30-point game, breaking Wade's franchise playoff record, and added eight rebounds. He defended Durant early in Game 1 and helped put the league's scoring champion in early foul trouble, just one of the problems the Thunder had early.

Another loud, blue and white crowd tried to inspire them to rally, but the team could just simply never get close enough to until the final minutes.

For most of the first three quarters, the home team would get the deficit to around 10, and James would get himself into the post or drive powerfully into the lane to score or set up a teammate.

Durant nailed a 3-pointer and drove into the lane to throw down a dunk over Battier that cut it to 82-74 with 8:22 remaining. His 3-pointer from the wing trimmed it to 90-86, and the Thunder got it all the way to 94-91 when Westbrook dunked Durant's miss with 1:48 to go.

James answered by banking in a jumper for his first basket of the final period, as the Big Three combined for all but one of Miami's seven field goals in the fourth quarter.

The Thunder missed 11 of their first 12 shots, and when James capped a run of 13 straight Miami points with a basket, it was 18-2 with 4:51 remaining in the period.

Coach Scott Brooks had talked to his team about its poor starts—this was three straight games with a double-digit deficit—and told the Thunder during a first-quarter timeout that the Heat were playing harder than they were. The Heat kept it up, pushing it to 25-8 on Wade's jumper with 2:39 left.

"We kept missing good shots," forward Serge Ibaka said. "We can do better."

Thunder rally falls short in Game 2 loss to Miami

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The Oklahoma City Thunder finally faced a deficit even Kevin Durant couldn't rescue them from.

Another slow start put Oklahoma City down 16 almost from the start, and even Durant's 16-point fourth quarter wasn't enough to rally the Thunder back in a 100-96 loss to the Miami Heat in Game 2 of the NBA Finals on Thursday night.

In a postseason filled with thrilling comebacks, Oklahoma City lost its grip on home-court advantage by losing at home for the first time this postseason.

Oklahoma City had already rallied from double-digit deficits four other times during the playoffs, but this time the comeback came up short.

The Heat charged out to an 18-2 lead as Oklahoma City missed 12 of its first 13 shots, and the Thunder never were able to take the lead.

The next three games will be played in Miami, with Game 3 on Sunday night.

Led by Durant, the Thunder nearly were able to wipe out a seven-point deficit after Chris Bosh's two-handed jam made it 98-91 with 53.8 seconds left.

Durant got a quick layup and then hit a 3-pointer after Thabo Sefolosha picked off an outlet pass from Dwyane Wade. LeBron James then missed a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 15 seconds left to give Oklahoma City a chance to go for the tie or the win.

After a timeout, Durant went for a quick shot along the baseline that wouldn't fall. He had 16 points in another sensational fourth quarter but this time it wasn't enough. Durant had scored 17 points in the fourth while leading the Thunder to a 105-94 win in Game 1.

That formula didn't work this time.

While the Heat were building their big lead, Thunder coach Scott Brooks was caught on television telling his players they weren't playing as hard as Miami. It was the second time in as many games that Oklahoma City's first-half effort came into question.

Durant suggested after Game 1 that the poor play as the Thunder fell behind by 13 in that game had to do with jitters from their first appearances in the finals. Both he and Westbrook pledged that it wouldn't be a problem in Game 2 but it was.

The Heat rolled to an 18-2 lead as Oklahoma City missed 12 of its first 13 shots, and it could have gotten even more out of hand when Durant and Westbrook both came out of the game late in the first quarter with two fouls apiece. But James Harden kept the Thunder in it by scoring 14 points in his first 9 minutes off the bench, preventing the Heat from extending their lead with the two All-Stars out.

Westbrook, who is dealing with a sore left thumb that had to be wrapped during the team's morning shootaround, missed his first six shots and his only consistent scoring early on came when he got to the free-throw line. He even uncharacteristically missed twice in six first-half attempts there.

Westbrook ended up missing 16 of his team-high 26 shots to end up with 27 points. Harden scored 21.

Payton, Kemp at rally to support new arena in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP)—Chris Hansen walked on stage and was greeted with the kind of reception normally reserved for the musicians and athletes who were waiting backstage.

Hedge-fund managers don't normally get rock star ovations.

"I was about to tear up actually. It was inspiring," Hansen said.

While former SuperSonics stars Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp got the loudest ovations, it was Hansen left accepting the most praise at a rally in downtown Seattle on Thursday afternoon to support the push for a new arena that could eventually bring back the NBA.

The late-day rally crammed green and gold clad fans into Occidental Park just a few blocks north of Seattle's stadium district where CenturyLink and Safeco fields currently sit. Hansen's proposal before the King County and Seattle city councils calls for a $490 million facility just south of the Mariners' Safeco Field with nearly $300 million in private investment.

Hansen said he was overwhelmed by the turnout, with estimates of about 4,000 in attendance at the peak of the event. The rally ended with chants of "Thank you Chris!" and included appearances by Payton, Kemp and fellow former Sonics player Detlef Schrempf.

"You deserve everything that is going on right now and more," Payton told the crowd. "... I'm going to be with you all every step of the way."

Jerseys from every generation of the Sonics past were on display as fans dug deep in their closets to pull out old uniforms with the names "Durant," "Payton," "Kemp," "Sikma," "Brown," even a Sarunas Marciulionis jersey from his one season with the Sonics in 1994-95. Businessmen in three-piece suits added green, white and gold Sonics headbands and wristbands and came from the downtown business district to join in the event. .

Those in attendance got to see the stars from Seattle's teams of the 1990s in Payton and Kemp, along with Seattle hip-hop artists Common Market, Macklemore and Blue Scholars and rock group President of the United States of America.

Tiger starts strong at US Open, but can he finish?

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Tiger Woods is back to twirling his clubs at a major instead of kicking them.

The way he methodically moved around a quirky course with uneven lies, tight fairways and tiny greens in the opening round of the U.S. Open brought back memories of the player who won 14 major championships rather than the foul-mouthed one booting irons all over Augusta National during four rotten rounds at the Masters in April.

Not that anybody should be surprised by what Woods does on a golf course anymore.

Since he somehow hobbled to his last major four years ago down the California coast, his name has not appeared on the leaderboard at a grand slam very often, and almost never following the first round.

So when Woods holed back-to-back birdies late in his round Thursday to close at 1-under 69, he raised expectations that he can finally end that four-year drought in the majors. He's three strokes behind little-known leader Michael Thompson and tied with four others in second.

"I was able to put it together in a major championship," Woods said. "I'm going to need it the next three days."

A lot depends on which version of the 36-year-old Woods shows up.

Will it be the one who never broke par and had his worst performance as a pro at Augusta National two months ago? The one who was whipped by Phil Mickelson in the final round at Pebble Beach in February and withdrew from Doral with a sore left Achilles tendon?

Or will it be the Woods who overcame a four-shot deficit going into the final round at Memorial two weeks ago, who won by five at Arnold Palmer's tournament at Bay Hill, and posted a career-best final round of 62 to put a scare into Rory McIlroy at PGA National?

It will need to be the latter if he's to add the one thing missing from his comeback: a major victory.

Woods racked up 14 of those and once seem assured of shattering the record of 18 set by Jack Nicklaus. Since he won a 19-hole playoff against Rocco Mediate on a bum knee at Torrey Pines in 2008, and then wrecked his Cadillac Escalade Thanksgiving night in 2009, he has come up empty every time on golf's biggest stage.

That's in part why his opening round at The Olympic Club created so much buzz.

Woods was in complete control of his game, finding fairways, sticking greens and avoiding the thick rough and towering trees that line the course built on the side of a hill that separates the Pacific Ocean from Lake Merced. He opened with five straight pars until his approach on the par-4 14th bounced off the tiny green and into the rough, forcing him to settle for bogey.

AP

Tiger Woods, left to right, Bubba Watson and Phil Mickelson walk up the 18th hole during the first round of the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament Thursday, June 14, 2012, at The Olympic Club in San Francisco.

Two of his three birdies came late in his round, including a 35-foot putt that banged into the back of the cup on No. 5. The roars returned and so did the look—and those trademark twirling clubs after swings—for 18 holes of the toughest test in golf.

"That was the old Tiger," said playing partner Bubba Watson. "That was beautiful to watch."

The other part of the stir Woods generated was because of how poorly his competition played.

The top two players in the world rankings—Luke Donald (79) and defending champion McIlroy (77—are closer to the cut line than the leaderboard. Same goes for the two accomplished lefties in his group, Mickelson (76) and Watson (78), not to mention third-ranked Lee Westwood (73).

The tight, twisting fairways had most of the field hacking out of rough and digging into sand for shots. Others searched for balls in the colossal cypress trees or pushed putts all over the rock-hard greens. Mickelson did all three.

Not Woods.

"It's sort of sadistic fun," said Justin Rose, who also shot a 69 for a share of second. "Great golf shots get rewarded. Mediocre stuff gets penalized for the most part. So I think it's very important to stay positive out there."

That could be crucial for Woods.

So many of his counterparts lost their cool—or never had it—during the first 18 holes, and one thing that seems sure to continue this week is the conditions. USGA executive director Mike Davis practically promised this 112th U.S. Open would be more difficult than last year, if for no other reason than the weather turning last year's championship into a lower-tier PGA Tour stop.

McIlroy shattered U.S. Open records last June at rain-softened Congressional when he reached double figures under par before he even turned in his second-round scorecard. He finished at 268 to break the 72-hole record by four shots, and his 16-under total was four better than Woods' mark at Pebble Beach in 2000.

"This is one of those Opens where it's just really hard to make birdies," Woods said. "This is not like it was last year."

Mets complete sweep of Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)—New York's Kirk Nieuwenhuis hit a leadoff homer and later connected for a two-run shot as the Mets completed a three-game sweep by beating the Tampa Bay Rays 9-6 in interleague play on Thursday.

Nieuwenhuis began the afternoon with a home run off Jeremy Hellickson (4-3). Nieuwenhuis homered again during a four-run fourth, helping the Mets take an 8-4 lead. It was his first career multihomer game.

The Mets responded well to being swept in a three-game series by the New York Yankees last weekend, outscoring Tampa Bay 29-9 in this series.

New York starter Johan Santana (4-3) allowed six hits over five-plus innings.

Hellickson gave up a career-worst eight runs in 3 2-3 innings. The reigning AL Rookie of the Year is 0-3 over his past five starts.

Orioles 12, Pirates 6

In Baltimore, Steve Pearce homered and drove in a career-high five runs to lead Baltimore past Pittsburgh, completing a three-game sweep.

Matt Wieters had four hits and five RBIs for the Orioles, who built a 10-0 lead en route to their fifth straight victory. Much of the damage came against former Oriole Erik Bedard (4-7), who yielded seven runs in 3 1-3 innings.

Baltimore moved 11 games over .500 and within a half-game of the first-place New York Yankees in the American League East. The Orioles outscored Pittsburgh 27-13 in their fifth series sweep of the year, already matching their total from last season.

Baltimore starter Tommy Hunter (3-3) retired his first 12 batters but ended up allowing five runs in six innings.

Diamondbacks 11, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Jason Kubel and Gerardo Parra homered in Arizona's win over AL West-leading Texas.

The Diamondbacks scored one run while losing the first two games of the series, but led for good in the finale after Kubel's two-run homer in the second off Scott Feldman (0-6).

Parra's three-run shot capped a five-run sixth.

Arizona starter Daniel Hudson (3-1) struck out a season-high seven without a walk in seven innings, only six days after the shortest start in his four major league seasons.

Reds 12, Indians 5

In Cincinnati, Brandon Phillips hit one of Cincinnati's three homers and drove in four more runs, leading the ailing Reds to their first three-game sweep of state rival Cleveland since 2008.

Phillips went 8 for 13 with two homers and seven RBIs against his former team. The Reds had a season-high 17 hits.

Cincinnati starter Mike Leake went 4 1-3 innings before having to leave the game, still feeling the effects of a stomach virus that swept through the clubhouse at the start of the series. Jose Arredondo (4-1) pitched out of a threat in the fifth to take the win.

Cleveland's Josh Tomlin (3-4) took the loss, giving up six runs in four innings.

Cardinals 5, White Sox 3

In St. Louis, David Freese homered, doubled and drove in three runs to lead St. Louis past Chicago.

St. Louis scored more than two runs for the first time in seven games.

Cardinals starter Jake Westbrook (5-6) retired his first 12 batters on 41 pitches. Westbrook threw only 67 pitches in six innings. He had been 0-4 with a 7.55 ERA in his previous six outings. He also was 0-5 with a 5.87 ERA in his previous eight starts against the White Sox.

Chicago's Adam Dunn tied Texas' Josh Hamilton for the major league home run lead with his 22nd, a three-run shot in the sixth.

White Sox starter Gavin Floyd (4-7) dropped to 1-4 with a 10.38 ERA in his past six starts. Floyd is 0-5 in his past eight interleague starts.

Astros 6, Giants 3

In San Francisco, J.D. Martinez hit his first career grand slam and Houston beat San Francisco to avoid a three-game sweep.

Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez (6-4) went six innings, allowing six hits.

A day after teammate Matt Cain pitched a perfect game, Giants starter Barry Zito (5-4) lasted five innings, allowing five runs.

Phillies 6, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Joe Blanton pitched his second complete game of the season to steer Philadelphia past Minnesota.

Blanton (6-6) struck out seven while going the distance for the eighth time in his career, snapping an ugly string of five straight starts with at least five runs allowed.

Jim Thome homered for the second day in a row for the Phillies.

Twins starter Scott Diamond (5-2) gave up four runs in six innings.

Royals 4, Brewers 3

In Kansas City, Brayan Pena drove in the tying run in the ninth inning and Jarrod Dyson scored the winning run on a misguided throw across the infield, giving Kansas City a victory over Milwaukee.

The wild ninth inning began when Mitch Maier reached first base while striking out on a wild pitch against Brewers closer John Axford (1-3), who blew a save for the second night running.

Eric Hosmer hit a two-run homer for the Royals, who completed their first three-game sweep at home in 14 months.

Tim Collins (4-0) worked the ninth and took the win.

Kansas City outfielder Jeff Francoeur and manager Ned Yost were ejected.

Athletics 8, Rockies 2

In Denver, Jarrod Parker pitched seven scoreless innings to steer Oakland past Colorado and to its first road series sweep since 2010.

Parker (3-3) allowed just three singles before being lifted for a reliever after throwing an efficient 89 pitches. He struck out six and walked just one.

Oakland's Brandon Moss has been swinging a hot bat since being brought up from the minors this month. He hit his fifth homer in eight games, a solo shot in the ninth. He also had a two-run double in the third.

Alex White (2-5) surrendered four runs in four innings for Colorado.

Tigers 5, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Justin Verlander pitched eight solid innings for his first win in a month, leading Detroit over Chicago.

Verlander (6-4) struck out eight and walked none in his overdue victory.

Austin Jackson hit a tie-breaking RBI single in the seventh and a two-run homer in the ninth for the Tigers.

Cubs starter Travis Wood (0-3) allowed three runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Padres 6, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Edinson Volquez pitched effectively into the seventh inning as San Diego beat skidding Seattle to notch its first series sweep of the season.

Volquez (3-6) was in command all night, allowing one run in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out six while sending the Mariners to their fifth consecutive loss.

Converted reliever Erasmo Ramirez (0-1) took the loss in his first start for Seattle. He pitched five innings, allowing six runs.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	37	25	.597	–
Baltimore	37	26	.587	1/2
Tampa Bay	35	28	.556	2 1/2
Boston	31	32	.492	6 1/2
Toronto	31	32	.492	6 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	34	29	.540	–
Cleveland	32	30	.516	1 1/2
Detroit	30	33	.476	4
Kansas City	27	34	.443	6
Minnesota	25	37	.403	8 1/2

West Division

Texas	37	27	.578	–
Los Angeles	34	30	.531	3
Oakland	29	35	.453	8
Seattle	27	38	.415	10 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	38	23	.623	–
New York	35	29	.547	4 1/2
Atlanta	34	29	.540	5
Miami	32	31	.508	7
Philadelphia	31	34	.477	9

Central Division

Cincinnati	35	27	.565	–
Pittsburgh	32	30	.516	3
St. Louis	33	31	.516	3
Milwaukee	28	35	.444	7 1/2
Houston	27	36	.429	8 1/2
Chicago	21	42	.333	14 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	40	24	.625	–
San Francisco	36	28	.563	4
Arizona	31	32	.492	8 1/2
Colorado	24	38	.387	15
San Diego	23	41	.359	17

US OPEN SCORES

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)–Scores Thursday from the U.S. Open, played at the 7,170-yard, par-70 Olympic Club.

FIRST ROUND

Michael Thompson	34-32–66
Tiger Woods	33-36–69
David Toms	33-36–69
Nick Watney	34-35–69
Justin Rose	35-34–69
Graeme McDowell	34-35–69
a-Beau Hossler	35-35–70
Jason Bohn	32-38–70
Jae-Bum Park	36-34–70
Robert Karlsson	35-35–70
Alistair Presnell	34-36–70
Matt Kuchar	34-36–70
Ian Poulter	33-37–70
Jim Furyk	33-37–70
Martin Flores	35-36–71
Branden Grace	38-33–71
Jonathan Byrd	35-36–71
Francesco Molinari	33-38–71
Michael Allen	36-35–71
John Peterson	35-36–71
Casey Wittenberg	35-36–71
Ryo Ishikawa	35-36–71
Raphael Jacquelin	38-34–72
Charles Howell III	35-37–72
Webb Simpson	35-37–72
Robert Garrigus	35-37–72
Fredrik Jacobson	35-37–72
D.A. Points	35-37–72
Morgan Hoffmann	35-37–72
Aaron Watkins	37-35–72
Nicholas Colsaerts	36-36–72
John Senden	34-38–72
Hunter Mahan	36-36–72
Jason Dufner	33-39–72
Rickie Fowler	37-35–72
Angel Cabrera	35-37–72
Anders Hansen	36-36–72
Blake Adams	35-37–72
a-Alberto Sanchez	37-35–72
Steve LeBrun	36-37–73
Joe Ogilvie	34-39–73
Davis Love III	37-36–73
Kyle Stanley	36-37–73
Charl Schwartzel	35-38–73
K.J. Choi	38-35–73
Keegan Bradley	35-38–73
Marc Warren	37-36–73
Jeff Curl	32-41–73
Lee Westwood	38-35–73
Sergio Garcia	37-36–73
James Hahn	38-35–73
Tommy Biershenk	37-37–74
Matthew Baldwin	39-35–74
Kevin Na	40-34–74
Stephen Ames	36-38–74
Tim Herron	37-37–74
Gregory Bourdy	37-37–74
Padraig Harrington	38-36–74
Bob Estes	38-36–74
K.T. Kim	39-35–74
Y.E. Yang	36-38–74
Rod Pampling	37-37–74
Rafael Cabrera-Bello	39-35–74
Nicholas Thompson	38-36–74
Casey Martin	38-36–74
Peter Lawrie	38-36–74
Simon Dyson	36-38–74
Charlie Wi	38-36–74
a-Jordan Spieth	38-36–74
Gary Woodland	39-35–74
Martin Kaymer	37-37–74
Spencer Levin	37-37–74
Kevin Chappell	34-40–74
Jesse Mueller	37-37–74
Scott Piercy	38-37–75
Colt Knost	38-37–75
Carl Pettersson	40-35–75
Retief Goosen	37-38–75
Vijay Singh	38-37–75
Robert Rock	39-36–75
Hiroyuki Fujita	38-37–75
Alexander Noren	40-35–75
Paul Claxton	39-36–75
Alvaro Quiros	37-38–75
Jason Day	38-37–75
Dustin Johnson	36-39–75
Darron Stiles	39-36–75
Aaron Baddeley	38-37–75
Roberto Castro	36-39–75
Ernie Els	35-40–75
Justin Hicks	37-38–75
Mikko Ilonen	38-37–75
Samuel Osborne	41-35–76
Matt Bettencourt	37-39–76
Scott Langley	39-37–76
Phil Mickelson	37-39–76
Brendan Jones	38-38–76
a-Patrick Cantlay	39-37–76
Mark Wilson	36-40–76
Adam Scott	37-39–76
Anthony Summers	37-39–76
Kevin Streelman	38-38–76
Edward Laor	35-41–76
Bill Haas	38-38–76
Steve Stricker	38-38–76
Matteo Manassero	37-39–76
Lucas Glover	39-37–76
Geoff Ogilvy	35-41–76
Louis Oosthuizen	37-40–77
Ben Crane	37-40–77
Martin Laird	40-37–77
Zach Johnson	39-38–77
Tim Clark	38-39–77
Sang-Moon Bae	40-37–77
Dong-Hwan Lee	39-38–77
a-Hunter Hamrick	36-41–77
a-Cameron Wilson	37-40–77
Olin Browne	39-38–77
Rory McIlroy	38-39–77
a-Brooks Koepka	42-35–77
Brian Harman	37-40–77
Stewart Cink	39-38–77
Tadahiro Takayama	38-39–77
Brian Gaffney	35-42–77
Alex Cejka	38-40–78
Shane Bertsch	39-39–78
Thomas Bjorn	38-40–78
Bubba Watson	38-40–78
George Coetzee	39-39–78
Toru Taniguchi	38-40–78
Peter Hanson	41-37–78
Bo Van Pelt	37-41–78
Scott Smith	38-40–78
Tim Weinhart	39-39–78
a-Nick Sherwood	37-41–78
Jim Herman	39-39–78
David Mathis	40-38–78
Joe Durant	39-39–78
Brice Garnett	39-39–78
a-Andy Zhang	42-37–79
Michael Campbell	42-37–79
Luke Donald	38-41–79
Lee Slattery	38-41–79
Trevor Immelman	39-41–80
Gonzalo F.-Castano	41-39–80
Cole Howard	41-39–80
Dennis Miller	40-40–80
Chez Reavie	39-41–80
Hunter Haas	38-43–81
Miguel A. Jimenez	40-41–81
Bill Lunde	39-42–81
Mark McCormick	39-43–82
Kyle Thompson	43-39–82
Steve Marino	39-45–84
Soren Kjeldsen	46-39–85
Brian Rowell	42-43–85

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RBC Mini Rascal tourney tips off Tuesday

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The Rollers Basketball Club is putting on its first-ever "Mini Rascal" Youth Basketball Tournament starting at 5:30pm this Tuesday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The event is open to U10, U12, and U14 players.

Currently there are three U10 teams, three U12 teams, and five U14 developmental squads expected to participate and organizers are still accepting walk-ins.

"We are very excited to offer this event, which has been long in the waiting," said RBC head coach Joe Diaz in a phone interview yesterday.

"Our group was given a portable adjustable basket last year and we recently were leant a second one to use for next week's tournament, so we are looking forward to seeing what these little guys can do," he added.

The goal heights will be lowered and the court size will be shrunk down a bit accordingly, per division.

Half hour matches are scheduled to run throughout the night.

Parent who want their kids to participate, but are not already on a team are requested to show up early.

Organizers are also still looking for a main sponsor to help provide prizes for participating players.

Contact RBC's Diaz at 285-4141 for more information.

RGA June Ace tomorrow

The Refaluwasch Golf Association will hold its June Ace of the Month Tournament tomorrow, June 17, at Kingfisher Golf Links in Talafofo.

Show time for the June Ace is set for 11am with a 12pm tee off.

Past RGA Aces include January's Ki Soo Kim, February's Tony Rogolifoi, March's Jordan Kasam, April's Joe Suarez, and May's Lawrence Camacho Jr.

For more information, contact RGA's Joe Suares at 483-5506, Jess Wabol at 288-1129. or Jordan Kosam at 483-4506. Inquiries can also be emailed to cnmirga@gmail.com. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

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Car going, scoring 7 points in the first quarter to help his team to an early 21-14 lead.

He received mixed support in the second frame and finished the period with 10 points to give QQ Rent-A-Car a stout 45-29 advantage at halftime.

Ernie Moises, meanwhile, led Star Water with 9 points in the first half.

Pagarao remained seated after the break but his teammates maintained a 63-50 lead heading into the last quarter as six QQ Rent-A-Car players helped out on the offensive end.

QQ Rent-A-Car sharpshooter Marlon Sison then took the floor in the fourth quarter and fired home five 3-pointers to help seal the deal.

Notably, with just over six minutes left in the game a scuffle broke out under the basket causing Pagarao and Star Water's Joy Dayrit to both be ejected from the game.

Then three minutes later QQ Rent-A-Car point man Ichitaro Faisao fouled out, which allowed Star Water to get back in the game. Star Water's Marlon De Dios led a late charge, but fouled out in the final minute, extinguishing the rally.

Pagarao and De Dios paced their respective squads with 17 points apiece.

The early match started out locked at 19-all as the DLX duo of Darwin Barbo and Leon Galarse hooked up for 6 points apiece, while Mobil's Jun Estolas and Bart Demapan combined for 13 on the other end.

Mobil pressed on to a 41-34 lead at midpoint thanks largely to 11 points from Angelo Fernando.

He added a handful after intermission to keep his crew ahead, 55-49, heading into the fourth quarter, but the fashionably late DLX crew saved its best for last.

DLX's Elmer Esdrelon took over at crunch time, grinding out a big dozen that went with 8 points in support by Galarse.

Esdrelon sunk two of his team's four free throws as time winded down. Junar Guiab converted the final pair to secure the win.

DLX did a good job factoring Estolas out of the game, and although Fernando stepped up to fill the void, DLX's late comeback stole it in the end.

Esdrelon finished with a game-high 25 points, while Fernando scrambled for 24 in defeat.

First Game

DLX 74 – Esdrelon 25, Guiab 17, Galarse 14, Barbo 8, David 7, Abedes 3.

Mobil 71 – Fernando 24, Estolas 12, Demapan 9, Ajoste 8, Ruluked 6, Corotan 4, Jose 4, Galzote 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-19, 34-41, 49-58, 74-71.

Second Game

QQ Rent-A-Car 88 – Pagarao 17, Sison 15, Paraiso 13, Mangali 11, Camacho 10, Faisao 10, Bondoc 6, Concepcion 2, Montes 2, Sablan 2.

Star Water 78 – De Dios 17, Moises 16, Dayrit 14, Rivera 11, Gamboa 9, Santos 7, Capalad 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-14, 45-29, 63-50, 88-78.

VACOS

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It then ousted the Rebels in the upper bracket semifinals in just two sets, 25-21, and, 25-10, to advance to the finals with a twice-to-beat advantage.

Vacos Locos' A.J. Aguilar smashed four spikes in the opening set against Love Handles and the team collectively tallied 14 spikes against the Fanians. A.J. Aguilar then mustered two spikes in the second set against the Rebels.

Love Handles battled back through the lower bracket over Saipan International School's Geckos, 25-18, and, 25-21, before being gifted a berth into the finals via forfeit by the Rebels.

Vacos Locos took the first finals set, 25-23, but fell in the second duel, 21-25, before recovering in the final set, 15-6.

They hammered four spikes, two of which from Limes, and two blocks in the opening set. A.J. Aguilar delivered two blocks in the second set, while Nekaifes powered home the group's lone spike in the finale.

The tournament utilized a double-elimination format with matches being decided by a best-of-three set series. Game point for the first two sets was set at 25 with a 30 cap limit, while the final set, if needed, was played to 15 with no limit; teams had to win by two points.

"We want to thank all of the players who came out to play last weekend and hope everyone had fun. I also want to send a big special thanks to both vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro and Rep. Edmund Villagomez for their continued support," said GCDC's Joe Diaz.

Diaz added that the GCDC hopes to hold another volleyball event next month after hearing all of the positive feedback.

The format of future events will be flexible to satisfy an expected larger and more diverse turnout next time around.

Notably, Ogumoro and Villagomez have been the primary supporters of the GCDC during all of their family oriented recreational activities since it opened back in May 2011.

In addition, Diaz is hoping to start up a village basketball tournament in China Town at the end of the month, but is still waiting approval.

GCDC also is currently accepting registration forms for its Summer Camp program, which is scheduled to run from June 25 to July 28.

Forms can be obtained during regular weekday hours from 8am to 5pm at the GCDC office behind Garapan court.

Due to the small venue, only the first 50 kids ages 6 to 12 years old will be accepted into the program. They will participate in arts and crafts, volleyball, basketball, and maybe even some canoeing.

Anyone who wants to volunteer to help teach the children arts and crafts are welcome to help out.

For more information, contact the contact GCDC at 233-8978.

GAMES

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are still three years away, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White in an email to NMASA members said "it's never too early to start getting ready" for competition.

Meanwhile, White also reminded interested teams about the 2013 Mini Games in Wallis & Futuna.

The NMASA head during the group's monthly meeting at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last week said airfare for French territory island is around $2,400. The competition will run from Sept. 2 to 12 and is offering the following events: athletics, beach volleyball, weighlifting, Rugby 7's, va'a, indoor volleyball, taekwondo, and sailing (hobbie cat and laser).

The CNMI and other member-nations of the Pacific Games Association have until December this year to confirm their participation (by events only) to next year's event.

PACQUIAO

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While he's eager to get back in the ring again with Bradley, whom he clearly defeated Saturday but was declared the winner by two of the three judges, Pacquiao said he'll let Arum handle the pertinent matters regarding the rematch.

Pacquiao said it will depend on what the Bradley camp will demand. "If it's fair, then I'll gladly fight him again."

And if that time comes, Pacquiao said he'll make sure that the officials, including the referee, won't be able to interfere with the outcome of the fight.

"I wouldn't want them to get involved again," said Pacquiao, who bared that Bradley didn't hurt him a bit in their 12-round duel that lured over 14,000 fans.

"I was in total control (of the fight)," said Pacquiao. "Fact is, in the 10th round, I've been winking to the HBO people because I know Bradley can't beat me anymore."

Pacquiao's schedule remains to be uncertain so far as he intends to spend quality time with his family, wife Jinkee and their four children, in the U.S.

Heat survive Thunder rally for 100-96 win

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Sports

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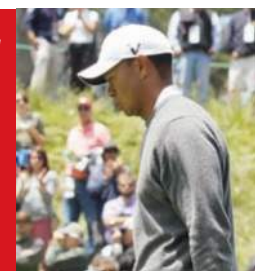

QQ Rent-A-Car, DLX win in Blue Haus

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QQ Rent-A-Car outlasted Star Water, 88-78, while Irish Spring-DLX rallied against Mobil, 74-71, in Thursday's Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League A Division pairings held at the Garapan Basketball Court.

QQ Rent-A-Car, the current division frontrunner, improved its win-loss record to 4-1 as Mobil's card fell to 1-2.

Second-ranked DLX, meanwhile, capped its third win in four games, while Star Water remains winless after two tries.

The season continues in Garapan tonight at 6pm with B Division's Wanted Sponsor (1-2) challenging Hip Hop Thunder (1-3) followed by NVM (2-1) against Cargo Express (2-2).

Other competing teams in the A Division are R-Rebels (2-1) and Ashley's (0-3), while Loving Hands Daycare (3-1) and Saipan Hardware (3-1) make up the rest of the B Division.

In Thursday's second game, Lerio Pagarao got QQ Rent-A-

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QQ Rent-A-Car's Rolly Paraiso goes up strong to the basket against Star Water defenders in their Blue Haus caging match last Thursday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

AP

Manny Pacquiao listens to the announcer call the decision in favor of Timothy Bradley of their WBO world welterweight title fight Saturday, June 9, 2012, in Las Vegas.

Pacquiao now not so keen on Bradley rematch

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BOXING

HOLLYWOOD—If the rematch happens, well and good. If it doesn't so be it.

This was the new position taken by Manny Pacquiao, Tuesday, (Wednesday in Manila) on whether he's going to invoke his rematch clause with Timothy Bradley, who was rewarded with a dubious split decision win by the judges in their battle for the World Boxing Organization welterweight crown at the MGM Grand Arena in Las Vegas Saturday.

The development came after he was informed that his promoter, Bob Arum, his fans, supporters and even local and foreign legislators have asked the Nevada State Athletic Commission to conduct and inquiry into the circumstances behind the bum decision that handed Pacquiao his first loss in the United States since bowing to Erik Morales in 2005.

"Well we have to listen to the people's will," Pacquiao told Manila-based sportswriters in Filipino at his room at the gated Palazzo residences here. "It's necessary to get back their confidence in boxing."

If ever, the rematch with Bradley will happen in Nov. 10, also at the MGM Grand.

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Vacos Locos tops GCDC Coed Volleyball

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Vacos Locos topped five other teams and was declared champion of the Garapan Community Development Center's Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament held last Saturday on the Carolinian Affairs Office playground in Garapan.

The team is made up of A.J. and Willie Aguilar, Jason Limes, John Nekaifes, Ben Olopai, Daymart Teregeyo, and Toni Yamada. The team was awarded trophies after sweeping the field.

Vacos Locos downed Love Handles in the opening round, 25-17, and, 25-12, and then went through Fanians, 25-19, and 25-14, in the second round.

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Vacos Locos players pose with GCDC's Joe Diaz, third left, and vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro, far right, after winning the Coed Volleyball Tournament held last Saturday at the Carolinian Affairs Office playground.

28 sports in 2015 Pacific Games

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The PNG2015 Games Organizing Committee has released the list of events to be played in the 2015 Pacific games in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

The sports program has 28 sports with 12 of them listed under compulsory sports, such as athletics, basketball, football, golf, rugby 7's, table tennis, swimming, lawn tennis, va'a (canoe racing), indoor and beach volleyball, and weightlifting for both men and women's divisions. Included in the optional sports are men's and women's bodybuilding, boxing, cricket, hockey, karate, lawn bowls, powerlifting, sailing, shooting, softball, squash, taekwondo, and triathlon, women's netball, men's Rugby League 7's, and mixed touch rugby.

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The 2015 Pacific Games will be held from July 4 to 18 with the host nation allotting $100 million for the hosting of the quadrennial event. Papua New Guinea won the hosting rights for the Games against American Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu, which will host the 2017 Mini Games.

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